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March Madness....1-4B

Grayling will hire 5th police officer

► Hire will fill void left by retirement of former Police Chief

The Grayling City Council decided by consensus last Monday that Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner's request for a fifth officer was just a matter replacing a position already in this year's budget.

The position was left open with the retirement of former Police Chief Pete Stephan last July, and Chief Schreiner had brought the vacancy to the attention of the council members at their previous meeting.

The City Police Department is now accepting applications for the position, "Police Patrol Officer."

Qualifications for the job include: Michigan residency, M.C.O.L.E.S. certification or certifiable upon date of employment, successful completion of background investigation, and pre-employment physical examination.

Also, a two-year minimum college degree in law enforcement is desirable.

Starting salary for the position is \$28,704.

Applications for the position may be obtained by submitting a written letter of request and resume to: City of Grayling Police Department, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738, Attn: Chief of Police.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2000. The City of Grayling is an equal opportunity employer.



NEW ADDITION - Grayling Township Hall's new addition was used as a polling place for the first time on February 22. Instead of standing in cramped lines snaking through various offices at the hall, voters and election officials alike appeared to enjoy the elbow room as well as the newly completed woodland mural by local artist Dean Worden.

Streetscape project proposed for Grayling

► Improvement plan could bring about all sorts of aesthetic changes

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Eliminating overhead power lines, creating better lawns and greenery, planting flowers, improving signage in town -- these are just a few of the improvements that could be brought about by a proposed streetscape project currently in the works.

The project is still in the early planning stages. Gail Madsen, local retired business woman, started the effort, and presented her early findings to the City Council at the council's last meeting.

If the project moves along, it will be a major undertaking for the community, but Madsen hopes the time is right.

"We seem to be coming to an era of new enthusiasm (in Grayling)," Madsen said. "A time of progress."

Madsen noted that she has met with representatives of other northern Michigan communities, including city managers and chamber of

commerces, in the past few weeks to gather information on how other communities bring about local improvements.

Madsen is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on a grant to secure (federal) T-21 money to be used in the streetscape project.

The grant would pay for 80 percent of project costs, and requires the grant applicant to cover the other 20 percent. Madsen noted that if MDOT writes the grant, the department would cover the 20 percent required local match.

"But, that's not always how it is, and it's not a free ride," Madsen said.

Specific street phases the project could target, Madsen said, include: 1) I-75 Business Loop to M-72 East; 2) M-72 East to M-72 West/M-93; 3) M-72/M-93 to Elmwood Cemetery; 4) west on M-72.

The streetscape idea is an aggressive local improvement plan. Madsen hopes for the removal of all or as many overhead wires as possible, having them installed underground instead. Major landscaping work could include: planting flow-

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County voters choose John McCain

Keyes receives honorable mention of 52 votes in race for the White House

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Nearly 19.5 percent of Crawford County's registered voters went to the polls Tuesday, February 22 to cast ballots in what is now being called the Michigan Republican Primary.

Although the Democrats and Reformers were represented by names on the ballot, neither party is recognizing votes cast last week. For the Republicans, Arizona Senator John McCain was the overwhelming favorite with local voters.

Broken down by precinct, here are

the results:

• Precinct 101 - Beaver Creek Township - 241 total ballots cast. Republicans: Gary Bauer - 1; George W. Bush - 79; Steve Forbes - 0; Orrin Hatch - 1; Alan Keyes - 4; John McCain 135; uncommitted - 2. Democrats: Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. - 1; uncommitted 6. Reform: Donald J. Trump - 1; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 201 - Frederic Township - 228 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 80; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 5; McCain - 128; uncommitted - 1.

Democrats: LaRouche - 1; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 301 - Grayling Township - 116 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 23; Forbes - 1; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 2; McCain - 79; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 2. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 302 - Grayling Township - 161 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 1; Bush - 60; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 5; McCain - 88; uncommitted - 1.

Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 303 - Grayling Township - 366 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 2; Bush - 127; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 8; McCain - 211; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 1.

Precinct 304 - Grayling Township - 220 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 2; Bush - 56;

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Broken car windows latest incident in pattern of Junior Miss harassment

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

On January 29, Monique Fagan was named the 2000 Grayling's Junior Miss. On February 23, she realized the grief holding the title can bring after discovering two windows of her car were broken out while parked at Grayling High School.

It is just the latest incident in what Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy and Juvenile Liaison Officer Shawn Krayes calls a pattern. Last year, not long after Brandi McClain was chosen 1999 Grayling's Junior Miss, her car was found to be "keyed" (scratched by a key) in the same lot.

Krayes said some kind of class should be held prior to the contest teaching respect and self-discipline. He also said the pattern of disrespect toward the winner has become more violent over the years and is afraid of what may happen to the next Junior Miss.

Fagan, a 16-year old junior, told Sheriff's Deputy Dean Goss that when she walked out to her car just

before 3 p.m. last Wednesday, she found the driver's and passenger side windows of her car were broken out. Goss found broken glass inside and outside of her 1993 Plymouth. He reported the damage was most likely done with a blunt object, but could not substantiate whether a chunk of asphalt laying near the vehicle was used to break the windows.

In an interview with Fagan, Goss asked her if she had any enemies or if she knew of anyone who may be upset with her. Fagan told him she won the Junior Miss title a few weeks prior and had experienced harassment from other contestants ever since. She said school life had become extremely hard since winning the title because of the harassment.

Goss asked Fagan if she had any idea who would have done the damage to her car. She said she was not sure who might have committed the crime.

In his report, Goss said he checked the high school's sign-out log with Assistant Principal Loren

Bass, who told Goss he would be checking with those signing out early to see if anyone saw the incident or anything else suspicious in the parking lot.

Krayes said the incident occurred during a time when "things were finally cooling down." Almost a month had passed since the pageant, and students were focusing on other things. On Tuesday, February 22 a Spirit Week assembly was held for the student body with performances by Junior Miss contestants, including Fagan, part of the program. Krayes said he believes the event may have rekindled some animosity.

The Fagan family has kept a low profile since the incident, fearing further retaliation and repercussions for Monique. Pageant Director Sandra Moore is fearful the Junior Miss program may have to be discontinued in the wake of this latest incident. "It would be unfortunate if we have to discontinue the program," she said. "I am afraid this incident will cast a negative shadow on the Junior Miss program."

Moore, who has served as

Director for nine years, said the theme of Junior Miss is "Be Your Best Self" and recognizes the well-rounded girl. The program includes fitness, an essay, academic abilities, etiquette, poise, and scholarship awards. "This is not a beauty pageant," Moore said. "I can hardly believe it could be one of the contestants who has done this. I don't blame our Junior Miss contestants."

Barbara Hinderleider, President of the Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) which sponsors the contest, said "We are extremely disturbed by the actions displayed by individuals in our community." Hinderleider's daughter, Julie, won the title in 1993 and Moore said she experienced retaliation back then, but not nearly to this extent.

The ABWA will address changes to the program at their March Board of Directors meeting. Moore said she talks to the girls prior to pageant night regarding how they will react.

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Gas station robbers arraigned

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Three young Grayling residents were arraigned in 83rd District Court last week for their participation in the February 19 armed robbery of Forward's Shell Station on James Street.

On February 23, 18-year old Pete Daniel Merithew, 17-year old Roy Lee Merithew, and 18-year old Amy Denise Kozik were arraigned on charges of conspiracy to armed robbery, armed robbery and felony firearm.

All three have requested court appointed attorneys and are scheduled to appear in District Court for a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m. on March 7.

Upon their arrests, Magistrate Jean Callewaert ordered \$100,000 surety bonds for each defendant. The trio remains behind bars at the Crawford County Jail.

Also arrested on the same charges is a 16-year old male, also of Grayling, whose name is being withheld because of his juvenile status. He is currently awaiting arraignment while lodged at Camp Shawono. His case is being handled through the Probate Court system.

Court administration has indicated the County Prosecutor's office has 14 days from the date of the young man's arrest to waive juvenile status of the defendant and opt to charge him as an adult.

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Lovely to seek re-election this fall

On February 28, Crawford County Sheriff David G. Lovely announced he will seek re-election this year.

Sheriff Lovely is a lifelong resident of Crawford County and has served as Sheriff for nearly eight years.

Drawing on his experience handling his department's budget and writing grants in order to save county taxpayers' money, he said, "I look forward to continuing my ser-

vice to the residents of Crawford County, and would appreciate their support."

According to Lovely, the last seven years have been full of challenges and experiences, which have benefitted the people of Crawford County.

"Your hard-working sheriff is now your experienced, hard-working sheriff," Lovely said. "I will represent you with you in mind as we enter this new millennium."

Twenty seats open in 2000

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Twenty seats on a variety of boards overseen and appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be open for application in the year 2000.

In April, a five-year term will open on the Crawford County Housing Commission. After 16 years of service, Ruth O'Mara has advised the County Board that she will not seek re-appointment.

Also in April, three two-year seats on the Construction Board of Appeals will go to the board for interviews and appointment.

In June, two four-year seats on the Commission on Aging and a six-year seat on the Transportation Authority will be open for appointment.

Four months later in October, the County Board will ask for applications to fill two three-year terms on the Family Independence Agency's (FIA) board. They will also make a

recommendation to the State of Michigan for a state-appointed representative to the FIA. Also in October, a five-year appointment to the Library Board will open up for applications.

In late December the following appointments will expire and applications will be sought for four four-year terms on the Crawford County Planning Commission, a three-year term with the county's Zoning Board of Appeals and a four-year appointment for County Medical Examiner (the appointee then appoints three deputies).

In January, 2001 seats will open on the Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board, North Central Community Mental Health Board, Commission on Aging, and the Family Independence Agency.

For more information on appointments and how to apply, call the County Clerk's office.



Avalanche file photo by Cheryl Ruley

SEEKING RE-ELECTION - Crawford County Sheriff David G. Lovely announced this week that he will seek re-election this year. He has served as sheriff for nearly eight years. Lovely's only challenger to file thus far is Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Coc.

County Board appoints Greene to Library Board

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

With an endorsement by Crawford County Library Board President Terry Wright, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed Barbara A. Clark Greene to fill a seat vacated by Sandy Briney when she moved to Wisconsin.

Greene, who lives in Grayling Township, was chosen from a pool of five applicants that included Theodore Gomez of Frederic Township, Shelley Brinker of Grayling Township, and Beaver Creek Township residents Kathy Pung and Sheila Fyan-Krayces.

The new library board member served on the South Lyon Public Library Board from 1981-1989. During that time, she served in the capacity of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer until moving to Grayling in 1989.

During her tenure on that library board, the South Lyon Public Library went from city-governed to a separate entity and elected board members. On November 5, 1985, Greene was elected by South Lyon voters to a six-year term as a Library Board Trustee.

In 1988, Greene participated in the process to hire a Director/Librarian for the South Lyon library. Greene said she is happy to report the person hired still serves that library system.

Greene has been the Chair of the

Grayling Township Board of Appeals for the last seven of the nearly 11 years with the board. She also has served on the Crawford County Family Independence Agency board since 1990 when she was appointed by the County Board. She has since been elevated to state appointee and serves as its chair.

Greene, owner and operator of AuSable Antiques and Dulcimer Company, said she is interested in serving on the Library Board because she has always believed reading and the love of books is fundamental to all successes in life.

"Encouraging children and adults in reading skills by having an inviting and exciting library environment that is accessible will improve our community and better equip the people of Crawford County forever," Greene said, in her board application, regarding the need for a new library building.

"I feel I will be an asset to the Crawford County Library Board and it would be exciting for me to be able to continue using skills acquired while serving South Lyon residents," said Greene.

"I will serve to the best of my ability and will always hold the best interests of the residents of Crawford County, first and foremost when making decisions," she concluded.

Greene's term runs through October 31, 2001.

Streetscape project proposed for Grayling

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ers, trees and shrubs, better lawns, a sprinkler system, and garden walls.

Madsen hopes the streetscape project would take on signage improvements, lighting enhancement, and several other aesthetic issues.

Also, all sidewalks in the community would have to be connected, and well-defined cross walks need to be added, Madsen said.

"We want to make sure we have a walkable community," she said.

But, the specifics of the project are not set, and Madsen is forming a committee to gather local input and generate ideas.

"It's a major project," Madsen said. "It is not something simple."

She mentioned a few of those already on the committee, including Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock, Pathway Committee Chairman Wayne Koppa, Dave Frederick of the Transportation Authority, and Lynn McConnell of the Chamber of Commerce, and asked the council to appoint City Manager Allen Lowe to the committee.

The City Council responded in favor of the plan, and authorized Lowe to serve on the streetscape committee.

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Zoning variance leads to lawsuits

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

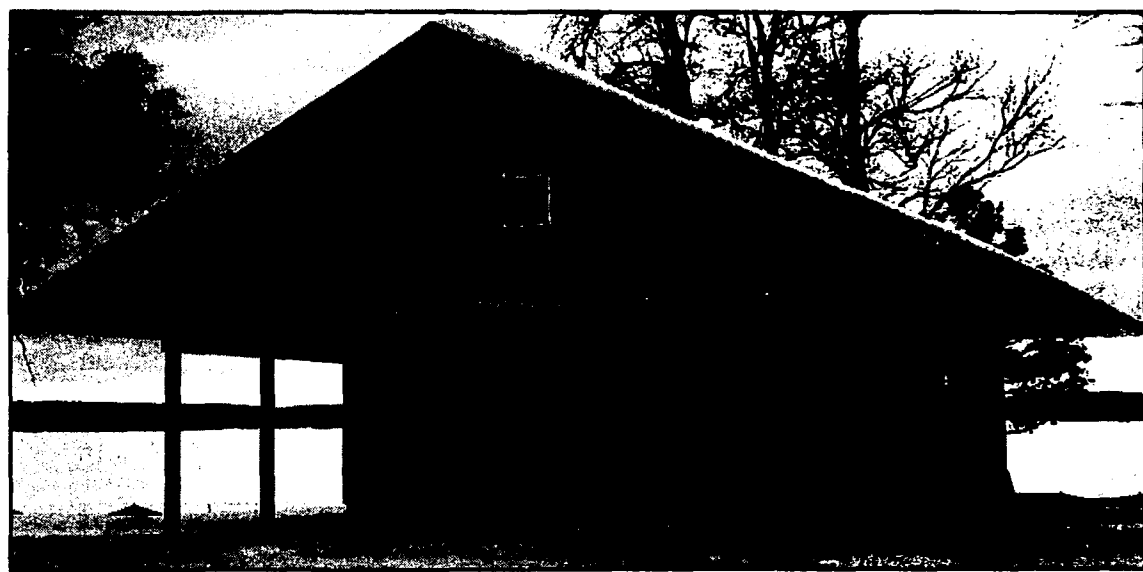
The Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance does not state that a property owner cannot build a structure blocking his or a neighbor's view of Lake Margrethe, but that's exactly what Jack Mahank's newly constructed garage does and his neighbors are not pleased. Mahank is Chairman of the Crawford County Planning Commission.

Neighboring property owner Jack Hall petitioned the Township's Zoning Board of Appeals, requesting an administrative review to reverse the variance decision made by Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright (acting as Zoning Administrator), granting Mahank a permit to build a garage in his front yard. A public hearing was held January 24.

Hall has retained David Sabin as his legal counsel in the case. At the hearing, Sabin pointed out his client's position that the Zoning Board grants variances, not the zoning administrator, and Hall was denied due process because he, along with neighboring property owners, had not been notified of the variance issued to Mahank.

Grayling Township's attorney, Monte Burmeister said Hall had originally failed to substantiate grounds for the zoning appeal, but had since given basis for it.

Wright, acting in his capacity as Zoning Administrator, explained to those at the meeting how he made his decision to grant the variance in the first place. He cited several years of correspondence and court cases Mahank had endured in his effort to acquire property upon which he could build a garage.



This garage, built with a legal permit and a zoning variance granted by Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright, is causing a stir in a Lake Margrethe neighborhood.

Wright said Mahank informed him he had obtained a piece of property across Roman Avenue, in front of his home, where he hoped he could build. Wright said, with this site, only a variance to place a detached accessory building in front of his house was needed. All other zoning rules, such as distance from property lines, were in order.

Representing Mahank in the matter was attorney Richard Jaskowski who went over his client's efforts to purchase property from Hall in order to allow Mahank to build next to his home instead of in the current location. He said Mahank's garage is now 90 percent complete and his client has spent about \$30,000 so far. Jaskowski said objections should have been raised before construction began.

Jaskowski entered into record an October 26, 1999 letter from his

office to Hall stating Mahank had had permission to build the garage, but also offered proposals for alternate sites. He told the Zoning Board Mahank's building complies with the approved building plan and his client relied upon that approval.

The Board opened the floor for discussion and some of Mahank's neighbors spoke up. One asked about the policy of notifying property owners within 300 feet of a variance. Others verified there was no such notification. There were concerns about drainage from the

garage and a consensus that just because there is disorder around the lake, that doesn't mean it has to continue with such variances.

By a three to one vote, the Board ordered a reversal of the variance and Mahank, as of January 25, has been ordered to take down the garage. All parties involved are now entangled in a legal battle to see if the garage will become a permanent fixture, blocking even Mahank's view of the lake, or be removed at the expense of Grayling Township and its insurers.

Benefit dinner planned for cancer-stricken mom

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

At age 38, mother of six, Dawn Dagner, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Doctors say she has two to four months to live. This is the second bout of cancer to strike Dagner in her relatively short lifetime. Previously, she underwent a stem cell transplant to treat advanced breast cancer.

Now, cancer has spread throughout her brain and doctors at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and Dagner, a resident of Gaylord, got the news that her condition is incurable and inoperable.

Dagner and her husband Brock have raised six children who are now between the ages of 11 and 23 years old. The youngest is at home and the rest live in Grayling, Lewiston, Alpena and Grand Rapids.

With encouragement from her doctors to make the best of the time she has left, Dagner left Michigan about a week or so ago for a visit with her brother in Alaska. She will also visit her sister in Wisconsin.

In the meantime, medical bills are running high and the family has exhausted financial means to pay the bills and for the impending funeral. Because of this, a benefit spaghetti dinner is planned for Saturday, March 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Eagles' Hall located on South Wisconsin in Gaylord. There will be entertainment and everyone is invited to come and celebrate life with Dawn and her family.

Cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for young children.

Anyone who would like to make a



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Dawn Dagner

donation to the Dagner family to be used toward medical bill payments may send it to: Dawn Dagner, C/O Diane Fisk, P.O. Box 719, Grayling, MI 49738. Or send donation to: Dawn Dagner, C/O Marty Campbell, P.O. Box 4043, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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if not chosen for the title and said the contestants seem receptive to the discussion and agree to handle the results in a mature manner. She's not sure what more can be done to stem the harassment.

"We may have to change when the contest is held, possibly at the end of the school year, to avoid having the winner suffer harassment at school," Moore said. "But, the contest is held at a traditional time, right before the winter festival. It is perfect because activities slow and there are so many other things going on at the end of the school year. Let's hope we don't have to resort to changing tradition."

Moore said she is frustrated and discouraged and the ABWA wants the harassment to end. The Director blames the ills of society for the deterioration in the attitude of some of today's youth. "It's jealousy. It stems from the kind of morals, values and character our society feels is acceptable which would have never been accepted in the past," she said. "I have never seen such petty jealousy and lack of respect."

Every year Moore hears from the winners, just days after the contest, and their chief complaint is the difficulty they are having in school. This year, just moments after Fagan was named Junior Miss, her mother

was approached by mothers of previous winners who advised her not to let Monique wear her Junior Miss jacket or drive her car to school. "It's sad how immature some kids act," Moore said. "I don't know if there is something lacking in that school, something lacking at home, or both."

Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Kent Reynolds was out of the district and unavailable for comment regarding the vandalism, but Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg indicated vandalism had not been a problem at the high school. "I haven't had many vandalism reports in the past," he said.

Lerg stated law enforcement handles the criminal investigation of any incident of vandalism at schools in the district, prosecutes at its end and informs the Superintendent's office of its findings. The school board also takes its own action against lawbreakers on school property.

"We are continuing with our investigation and cooperating fully with the Sheriff's Department," Lerg said. "We hope this case is solved."

No reward has been offered thus far, but anyone with information should contact the Sheriff's office at 348-4616. Names of those leaving tips will be kept confidential.



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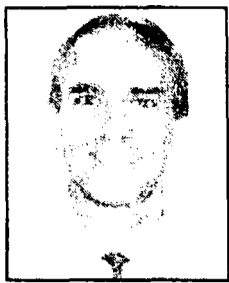
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ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

What of the Michigan GOP?

Oh no, the Republican party is falling apart!

What happens now?

That's the reaction from many around Michigan following John McCain's big win over George Bush last Tuesday in the Republican primary.

But if there is a true belief that the Republican party is in trouble, think again.

Remember, it's the Republicans that have two electable candidates. It is the Republican race that is getting all the ink and all the air time. Gore? Bradley? Who? The Democratic race has almost seemed to disappear. That is sure to change in the upcoming weeks, but leading up to Michigan, they were nowhere to be found.

Is all lost for the Grand Old Party?

Not even close.

True, Texas Gov. Bush got stomped last week, by a big margin. McCain took with him most of Michigan's delegates, too. The firewall that Governor Engler promised

to Governor Bush, his long-time friend, didn't even come close to dousing the McCain fire.

It was a big loss for Bush, and a big loss for Engler.

But who caused it? Not Republicans, who turned out in record primary numbers and supported Bush, and, in essence, supported Engler.

It was the Democrats and Independents, who also turned out in record numbers to vote in the Republican primary who swung the voting and gave the win to McCain.

Granted, McCain ran the smarter race, courting any and all voters to his side in the open primary. Bush and Engler fought hard for and won the votes of Republicans, but in doing so lost the election.

Yes, Republicans supported McCain, too. But exit polling showed that the majority of Republicans who voted pulled the Bush lever.

No, Engler was not snowed under by defections in his own party. He was done in by the folks who have

opposed him every step of the way for at least the past seven years. Engler and his man, Bush, were done in by Democrats.

That should come as no surprise to anyone. If the tables were turned and open primary elections were held on the Democratic side, you can bet your bottom dollar that the Engler troops would be causing just as much mischief at the polls as they could. But the Dems learned their lesson long ago, and now offer only a closed primary. No outsiders are allowed to corrupt their system.

Shouldn't the Republicans consider a closed primary, too? Sure, if they want two percent turnout.

So does the Bush loss equate to an Engler Loss, too?

Not even close.

Engler, even with his lame duck status, will spin this into a victory, continuing to push his agenda for Michigan for two more years. Maybe even more than a jelly donut. Engler likes a political battle. He will fight. He has political savvy. And he has built the machine to

allow him to win.

Here in Michigan, McCain used the system to his advantage. He focused on the right issues and said all the right things to attract enough voters to allow him to win.

Watch him in the future, too. He is running a smart campaign. But heading into Super Tuesday, he has had to change his cry. He can no longer court any and all voters, as the open primaries are all behind him now. From now on, there are only Republican or Democratic primaries.

The concern here in Michigan -- which has hardly been voiced -- should be over the voters who consider themselves Independent. They voted in droves for McCain here and also in his first big win in New Hampshire.

These are the same folks who gave Ross Perot a big percentage in his first run, the same folks who gave Bill Clinton the presidency after earning only 43 percent of the vote.

These are the folks that should

worry the Democrats. What if they stay with McCain? What if they really, truly like him? What if they continue to support him in the primaries and vote for him for president?

These are the folks that could be needed to sway the election to Al Gore. These are the voters that would have the Dems worried.

And what of the future for Michigan? Shouldn't last Tuesday's shellacking of the Bush/Engler team send Engler's chosen man, Dick Posthumus, scurrying for distance the way Al Gore has put space between himself and his president?

Nope. And here's why.

Michigan's fight to be our next governor is already shaping up. It is to be an east-west brawl. Posthumus is strong on the west side of the state, while another candidate, possibly Candice Miller, is strong in the Detroit/east side. The battle line will be drawn somewhere in the middle.

Engler, with his clout and with his political machine, can help Posthumus. Engler will not be the

kiss of death to his chances.

Posthumus needs Engler, but he also needs some strong east-side help.

Don't be surprised if former Speaker of the House Paul Hillebons surfaces. Remember he left his House seat early. He then landed the choice job of rebuilding Detroit, as chair of New Detroit Inc., and has increased his profile on the east side during the past two years.

He, along with Posthumus and the Engler machine, will make a formidable team in a couple years.

No, Bush is not dead. Almost broke, maybe, but not dead.

And our governor is still alive and kicking, too.

Just watch and see.

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

If bond issue fails again...

To the editor,

This is in response to James Allman's letter to the editor:

The chances are the bond issue will be overwhelmingly defeated again. I have also written a letter or two in support of school improvements, but cautioned the powers that be that voters, in a nation wide survey taken by National Public Radio and the Kennedy School of Government, will only approve reasonable school bond issues.

They will support school bond issues, even when it raises school taxes \$100 to \$200 a year, if the school board members can convince the electorate that the improvements are more than necessary and show exactly how the money will be spent.

I do not believe the existing school board has followed through on this issue. The voters of Crawford County have decisively defeated two previous bond issues. My daughter is a freshman at the high school and my son will be attending soon. I do not believe our children should be pawns of an unyielding school board and a constituency obviously opposed to the present school board policy supporting the present proposal and an increase in taxes.

I will use the Charlevoix school bond issue as an example. The cost is \$18 million for a completely new school. We are being asked to support a bond issue in the \$15 million range... before it was \$18 million.

If the school bond issue is defeated again, the superintendent and school board should think about not being re-appointed and running for office respectively.

The school board and the superintendent have a responsibility to this community and the students. I was taught at Rutgers University and have learned in political campaigns that politics is the art of the possible.

It is time for the present superintendent to resign and the school board to move on because I have witnessed the school bond issue divide our community for the past several years, as it may well continue to do.

I applaud the teachers, staff, and students for their achievement under adverse conditions.

We need to recognize that we are a diverse community with many religious and ethnic backgrounds. I cannot believe that our community would continue to deny the same support to our children that they received from our forefathers.

We have received your message loud and clear. Therefore, we are now sending this message to the school board. The First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution guarantee my right to free speech, due process, and equal protection under the laws. "It's a difference of opinion that makes horse races." -- Mark Twain.

Theodore P. Gomez

Frederic

High school experience dampened by poor conditions

To the editor,

I am writing this letter to show my support for the Grayling High School bond issue. Being a student at the high school, I have seen water flowing from the ceiling. I have worn my winter jacket during classes, and I have been disrupted endlessly by loud heaters and people banging around trying to fix the roof. I have also been squished into an auditorium that does not come close to fitting our whole student body and to top it all off, I have heard people complain of the unimportance of this bond issue.

I guess I do not see why anyone would vote no on something that would be extremely beneficial to the community's children. To all of you people who have voted no, I ask you to please read my letter and put thought into your next vote.

Last year when this bond issue was first brought up, people of the community said we did not need new heating, and we did not need a new roof. Well, is it not obvious now that we do? Our roof is cracked and our school has already been cancelled once due to a broken boiler. These issues not only make staff and students uncomfortable, they also disrupt the learning environment that we work hard to obtain at school.

We have an excellent staff of teachers and administrators that put 110% into everything they do for us. Although they are doing their best to keep us focused on education, let's

face it, buckets in the classroom and constant banging noises from above us are unavoidably distracting.

Then there is the subject of heat. I find it rather pathetic that students have to wear their jackets around school and dress in layers in order to stay warm. Then we finally stop freezing when summer rolls around, and the heat kicks in and we sweat in classes. The perfect solution to this is opening the window, but then there are bees and wasps that get in the school. Even though these bugs are rather harmless, people are allergic to them and it is a problem.

Also, everyone who suspects that our administration had something to do with the broken boiler, you are wrong. As I said before, our administration is dedicated to the students and would not perform such a task. The boiler broke: no one had any control over it.

I would also like to say that our auditorium is in desperate need for expansion. Our auditorium is not built to hold our student body. It is small and has limited space for onstage performances. At this year's Veteran's Day assembly, our students and staff were anything but comfortable when we tried to fit all of us in to the auditorium. Students were sitting in the aisles, in folding chairs and in the bleachers. Some students even had to sit on a friend's lap. Doesn't that show the need of an expanded auditorium?

The gym is another huge issue. Our gym, along with all the other

aspects of our school, has gone unchanged since it has been built. We have such talented athletes and great coaches; they deserve an adequate place to practice and play.

Expanding the gym would also benefit athletic practices. For example, our wrestling team would no longer have to practice in the cafeteria, which, let me remind you, is where we eat our school meals.

The addition of classrooms is also needed in our school. The high school is packed with students and upcoming classes are continuing to increase in size. That statement alone shows the need for more classes. We do not even have enough classrooms for each teacher to have his or her own. Teachers have to share classrooms. Some move from class to class each hour.

Thin walls also separate many of our classrooms where students are apt to hear another teacher's lecture while they are trying to focus on their own classroom's discussion. This is yet another distraction.

The roof and heating is the most vital need at this point, but the rest of these expansions and additions are also needed to improve our school and make it fitting for our children.

Another thing that has been hurt and affected from this is school spirit. Many kids do not have pride about their school and do not have spirit. They look at their school in a negative way. Why do you think that is? Could it be because they really don't have all that much to take

pride in?

Surrounding schools have outstanding gymnasiums and amazing auditoriums that fit the whole student body, and we have none of this. We are not able to brag about our gym, library, classrooms, or auditorium like students that belong to other schools. We instead are able to discuss our leaky roof, bad heating, cramped auditorium, old gym, and full classrooms.

In closing, I would like to express my disappointment in my community. I have never had anything bad to say about the people of Grayling. In the 16 years I have lived here, I have never met anyone who has been rude or mean to me. Everyone has been helpful and kind. I really have had no complaints until now. How could such a great community be so negative?

Let me remind you, the bond issue is NOT about revenge or holding grudges. It is about your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and siblings. They are the ones who are going to be affected by your vote.

I ask you to look at the facts and think of the need. Those of you who think you have had a victory each time the bond issue is voted down, you are wrong again. All you have done is taken away opportunities and a good learning environment for the children.

Again, I urge you to consider this letter and please vote yes.

Meghan Meyer
Grayling High School Junior

Snowmobile group recognized for trail work, positive impact

To the editor,

Tourism has a major economic impact on Crawford County, and snowmobiles play a significant role in that impact.

Snowmobilers expect excellence in service from the businesses they patronize, whether it be lodging, restaurants or area stores and they are willing to pay dearly for this service. They spend, on average, \$249 each day of their stay.

There is one group of dedicated individuals who spend countless hours to ensure that the snowmobilers who visit this area receive excel-

lent service in another form... trails to ride. Members of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) are all volunteers and receive no compensation for their extraordinary efforts. Over 500 hours were volunteered in the summer and fall of 1999 to clear the trails of brush and other debris and to install directional signs.

Approximately 60 hours were spent recently preparing and reopening the temporary Fred Bear Connector from the Blue Bear Connector to the Frederic Loop Trail.

The groomer drivers have logged in over 1,402 miles and 251 hours so far this season. The organization has spent \$785 this year to fuel the two groomers. Preseason equipment maintenance averages 150 hours per year.

The county's recreational map is also compiled by the AVSA, and they mail newsletters to their members monthly. The President of the AVSA, Rich Filley, has said he couldn't ask for a better crew and they are always willing to do anything they are asked to do.

It is amazing that the majority of active volunteers in the AVSA are not business owners in the community and receive no direct financial benefits from being members. It is

also unfortunate that more of the individuals and the businesses who do benefit from these individuals' efforts neither belong to the AVSA nor express any appreciation for their tremendous efforts. This organization cannot exist without financial support from the communities in Crawford County.

The Grayling Area Visitors Council would like to recognize the members of the AVSA for their major contributions to Crawford County, and for ensuring that the local economy continues to flourish during the winter months.

Ilene Geiss-Wilson
Executive Director
Grayling Area Visitors Council

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BRIEFS

Follies schedule general meeting

Milltown Follies' organizers will hold a general meeting at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 at the Commission on Aging's Senior Center on Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Mexico travelogue part of dinner show

The Command Performance Dinner Series presents the travelogue program, "Mexico," on Thursday, March 2 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Doors open at 6 p.m. Buffet dinner includes taco and burrito bar, chicken and beef fajita bar, gazpacho soup, Spanish rice, non-alcoholic beverage (coffee, tea or milk) and dessert. Tickets are \$16.50 per person and are available through the Crawford AuSable Community Education Office by calling (517) 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

Library essay awards to be presented

Winners of the "Why We Need a New Library" Essay Contest will be announced at a cookies and punch celebration, Saturday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Library. Thirty-eight students entered to win savings bonds and show their support for the project. The public is invited.

World Day of Prayer this Friday

World Day of Prayer 2000 will be celebrated Friday, March 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to join in this international movement uniting Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and other Christian men and women in "informed prayer and prayerful action." A short program will be presented, followed by refreshments. The church is located on the corner of Peninsular and Lake Streets.

Kirtland winter reading series continues

Kirtland Community College (KCC) presents the second of three events in the Winter 2000 Controlled Burn Reading Series on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. when Michigan fiction writer Bonnie Jo Campbell reads from the Associated Writing Programs Award in Short Fiction winner, *Women and Other Animals*. A past winner of the North American International Auto Show fiction award, she currently teaches at Bowling Green State University. The reading is free and open to the public at the Continuing Education Center at KCC on College Drive. The event is preceded at 4 p.m. by a Question & Answer Session in Room 5 of the Kirtland Academic Building.

Lady Eagles plan all-you-can-eat fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will hold an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, March 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eagles' Hall on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. The menu includes Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, coleslaw, potato wedges and/or french fries and assorted desserts. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids age five and older. Kids under five years old eat free. A four-piece chicken dinner will also be available for \$5. Dine in or carry out by calling 348-5287.

Pavilion available at Wellington Park

Reservations are now being accepted for rental of the Leon Johnston Picnic Pavilion at Wellington Farm Park in Beaver Creek Township. The pavilion can accommodate about 100 people and includes picnic tables, cook stove, gas hot plate and serving area. There is also a charcoal grill and barbecue pit nearby. The park opens for the season May 27 and will operate until Halloween. For reservations, call 1-888-OLD FARM or visit the web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Retired state employees to meet

The next regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19 State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, March 7 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, at 2 p.m.

KCC sponsors chess tourney

Kirtland Community College's Student Senate will sponsor a public chess tournament on Saturday, March 4, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center on the college campus.

The tournament is open to all ages and groups. KCC students, employees, area high school, middle school and grade school students and area residents, including seniors are invited to compete.

There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Registration for the Tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. Persons who would like to pre-register or who would like additional information may contact Allen at (517) 275-5000 ext. 342.

Holiday Inn to host 1st annual pool tournament

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Pool fans take note: the Grayling Holiday Inn will be the site of a major billiards tournament this weekend, and another one will be held the following weekend.

The tournaments, billed as the First Annual Winter Classic, are being organized by Statewide Billiards Promotions along with Vikings Cues.

First will be the mens pool tournament on March 3-5. The tourney will include a singles 9-ball competition on Friday, and a five-man team 8-ball event on Saturday and Sunday.

The 9-ball competition will require a \$30 entrance fee. The top prize for the event is a cue and case combo from Vikings Cues, a \$700 value.

The five-man 8-ball event costs \$200 per team for registration. Prize for the competition will be a \$350 case and combo for each player on the team.

The tourney will also feature cue sales, T-shirt sales, and on-the-spot embroidering. Rooms at the Holiday Inn will be available at a discount for pool tournament players.

There is still space for teams.

Registration for the 9-ball event will take place on Friday from 5-6:45 p.m. Sign up for the 8-ball event on Saturday, March 4, from 8-9:30 a.m.

In conjunction with the event at Holiday Inn, the Sawmill of Grayling will hold a womens pool tournament starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

"This will give the women something to do while the men are shooting," event organizers said.

On the weekend of March 10-12, the Winter Classic will continue with the womens tournament. The competition will be exactly the same as the mens tourney scheduled for this weekend at the Holiday Inn.

Sign up times and days will be the same, prizes and tournament times will be the same, the events are the same, etc. Only the dates are different.

During the March 10-12 weekend, the Sawmill will again host a pool tourney in conjunction with the Winter Classic event. Since the women will be shooting at the Holiday Inn, this event will be for the men.

Questions about either Winter Classic tournament can be directed to Gary Gass of Statewide Billiards Promotions at (517) 539-2281.

Youth Boosters sponsor Jam Session 2000 at GHS

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will be sponsoring LISTEN America's NFL "Jam Session 2000" on March 13 in the Grayling High School gym.

Doors open at 5 p.m.; pre-game activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the 40-member Aerokhana Gymnastic Team.

A basketball game with the Detroit Lions vs. LISTEN America All Stars will begin at 7 p.m.

The evening will feature 30 minutes of free autographs, pictures, the

largest sports memorabilia auction in northern Michigan history, a "stay in school/stay off drugs" program, concession stand and much more.

Tickets are for \$5 and \$8 at the door; children three years and under admitted free.

Tickets are also available in advance at Glen's Markets in Grayling, Houghton Lake, Kalkaska, Gaylord, Roscommon and Mio; the Grayling 7-Eleven; or from any Grayling Youth Booster Club member.

Sign up on line

If you're a young man age 18 through 25, it's time to think about your Uncle Sam. The best way to stay on his good side is to register with Selective Service at any local post office or on the Internet Selective Service home page (<http://www.sss.gov>).

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The Bible Speaks

Religious Terrorism?

While liberals are fighting to keep God, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and Christian witness silent in the United States, they are ignoring the growing internal threat of Islamic terrorists. Counterterrorism expert Steven Emerson recently testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee saying that the U.S. and Canada have become havens for Islamic terrorists from the Middle East. Emerson testified that "despite counterterrorism legislation, the United States and Canada have become a haven for such terrorist groups as the Palestinian Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the Lebanese Hizbullah, the Algerian Armed Islamic Group, the Egyptian Al Gamat Al Islamiya and the Al Qaida group, led by Saudi billionaire fugitive Osama Bin Laden." Emerson said, Islamic leaders coming to the U.S. included, Wadih Hage, secretary as Bin Laden, Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, and Ayman Zawahiri, leader of the Egyptian Al Jihad organization. Emerson cited the liberal climate in the United States, the ability to hide under mainstream religious identification, loopholes in immigration procedures, ease of penetration of borders, and compartmentalization of terrorist cells around loosely structured terrorist movements as the reason we now face such dangers.

For exposing Islamic terrorism in the United States Emerson has been targeted

by American Muslim groups. They even tried to block his testimony before Congress. Emerson said, "The very success of these organizations and their supporters, fronting under the false veneer of being 'moderate' and 'mainstream,' in creating a chilling climate where free speech on this issue has been suppressed, has become a factor in allowing foreign terrorists to operate in the United States below the radar screen and thus avoid the scrutiny from either the media, public officials or law enforcement."

While all of us treasure freedom of religion in the U.S.A., we also believe in freedom from all religious terrorism. There is a sharp distinction between the religious belief systems of Christianity and Islam. They worship a different god, Allah, not Jehovah or Jesus Christ. They have a different authority, the Qur'an rather than the Bible. They use different methods to gain global power. The Qur'an commands Muslims to wage war against non-Muslims and apostates (Surah 5:33; 9:5, 29). Muslims point to the Crusade and accuse "Christians" of the same thing, but there is a fundamental difference. Muslims kill people in obedience to their faith in the Qur'an, while the Crusaders killed in disobedience to the new Testament. While the Qur'an commands Jihad or Holy War, the New Testament forbids it. Free people are threatened when any religion is permitted

to use force to make converts. All tyranny is evil. It is most evil when covered by the deceptive piety of religion.

God's Holy Bible revealed truth that gives all persons the unalienable right of freedom to accept or reject God's will. Jesus Christ commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature in every nation. (Matt. 28:18-22 and Mark 16:15,16) Christians believe freedom of religion is the greatest God-given human right. The only sword authorized for use by the church for soul-winning is the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. (Eph 6:17 and Heb. 4:12) Only eternal vigilance against all forms of tyranny can protect our religious freedom.

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

River House kicks off campaign for new \$1M facility

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services, serving Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon Counties, sponsored a Four County Domestic Violence

Task Force Joint Meeting and State Update on February 4. Several agencies from northern lower Michigan were in attendance.

The agencies agreed to strive for common goals of safety and support for survivors of domestic violence and their children, while holding abusers accountable for the violence.

Speakers and educators at the meeting represented the State of Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board Training Institute, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, the Michigan State

Police and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

River House is launching a major fund raising campaign to finance a new shelter and transitional housing complex with a projected cost of \$1,000,000. The proposed construction is currently in the planning phase and should be completed by 2001.

As a kick-off to this campaign, River House and Domestic Services - Building Project 2000 T-shirts will be available for sale. Any interested parties should contact River House at (517) 348-3169.

Michelson choirs plan concert

The choirs of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will present a concert in the church sanctuary on Sunday March 5 at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature the Cherub Choir, the Youth Choir, the Chancel Choir and the Michelson Singers.

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Marriage Encounter offers April weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a special time for couples that have a good marriage but want to grow deeper in their relationship.

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Regarding marriage, Scripture says "the two shall live as one." Over the years, many couples find themselves living as two and communication grows distant and inef-

fective, most of this resulting from the everyday hustle and bustle of life.

Couples who feel that something is missing in their marriage, or there just isn't the time to spend quiet moments alone should consider a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next weekend is scheduled for April 7-9. For location, more information, or to make reservations, call Chris or Steve Seager at (517) 348-8096.

Church Directory

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The next time you place your groceries on the check-out line, make eye contact with the clerk and smile. See if it doesn't give you a warm feeling...and spark the human connection. Try this with all who serve you. It has been said that the soul shows through your eyes. Use every opportunity to share your spirit with others, for we are still God's children in the family of mankind.

Visit God's house each week. Greet each other warmly. When you depart, take God's love with you into the week. We don't just go to church or synagogue. We are the spirit of God in the world. Share an "eye-to-eye moment" today.



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1 Peter 1:13-25	1 Peter 2:1-10	Matthew 5:1-18	Psalms 80	Psalms 84	Psalms 85	1:1-12

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Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
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Wednesday - Family Night
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Relief Society... 12 noon

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Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

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Morning Worship... 11 am
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Morning Worship... 10:30 am
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Wednesday... 7 pm
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Sunday Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday
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Sunday Service... 10 am

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Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

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Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
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Tree trimming along power lines planned for Frederic

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative will invest \$1.2 million this year to trim branches and trees away from power lines as part of the co-op's efforts to maintain a reliable supply of electric service to its 110,000 customers statewide.

Great Lakes Energy line-clearance crews will visit 43 townships—including parts of Frederic—throughout Michigan this year, covering 726 miles of overhead distribution power lines.

Great Lakes Energy maintains a 15-foot right-of-way clearance to ensure a reliable flow of electric service for customers.

"Trees and branches contacting power lines are the number one cause of power outages and 'blinking lights'," said Dave Jaques, vice president of operation. "Tree and

brush management along our power line rights-of-way is essential to providing safe and reliable electric service."

Downed power lines also can result from contact with trees and branches, Jaques said. Adults should remind children to stay away from fallen power lines and anything they are in contact with, he said.

Jaques said in addition to the tree clearing program Great Lakes Energy also recently started a four-year \$48 million service improvement plan to upgrade and maintain the co-op's electric distribution system.

Great Lakes Energy notifies customers in the areas scheduled for tree-trimming and will meet with customers who ask for an appointment to discuss concerns.



Grant funds available from Mercy Hospital

Grant applications are now being accepted for the Strategic Initiative for the Poor and Community (SIPC) Fund sponsored by Mercy Health Services North (MHSN).

The SIPC Fund was established by MHSN some time ago by investing a portion of hospital revenue on an annual basis. The fund has steadily increased over the years. So, despite current financial pressures due to the Balanced Budget Act, grants will continue to be made available to the community.

The SIPC fund was established at MHSN as a means of helping fulfill the MHSN Mission to assist the economically disadvantaged, espe-

cially women and children.

Grants are available to organizations in northern Michigan that provide services to families and individuals in the communities served by MHSN. This includes programs in all of Crawford, Missaukee, Oscoda, Roscommon and Wexford counties plus portions of Lake, Montmorency, and Osceola counties that are served by Mercy.

SIPC grant applications will be accepted or denied in April 2000, with funds awarded in July 2000. If you are interested in obtaining a grant application, please contact

Bob Doering, Director of Mission Services, at (231) 876-7355.

Early thaw calls for weight limits

Michigan is experiencing an unusually early freeze-thaw cycle this season. Normally, it isn't until the spring that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) implements weight restrictions to help ensure pavement life.

Due to this year's early thaw, however, effective 6 a.m. Friday, February 25, weight restrictions were imposed and will continue to be enforced on all state trunklines from the south state line north to the

Mackinac Bridge (all of lower Michigan).

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all season" trunklines. All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads only within the restricted area.

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Local man completes customer service training

Brad Robinson of Great Lakes Marine in Frederic attended Midwest Industries' ShoreLand'r Authorized Service School that allowed dealers and distributors from all over the country to reinforce their knowledge of ShoreLand'r Boat Trailer product information.

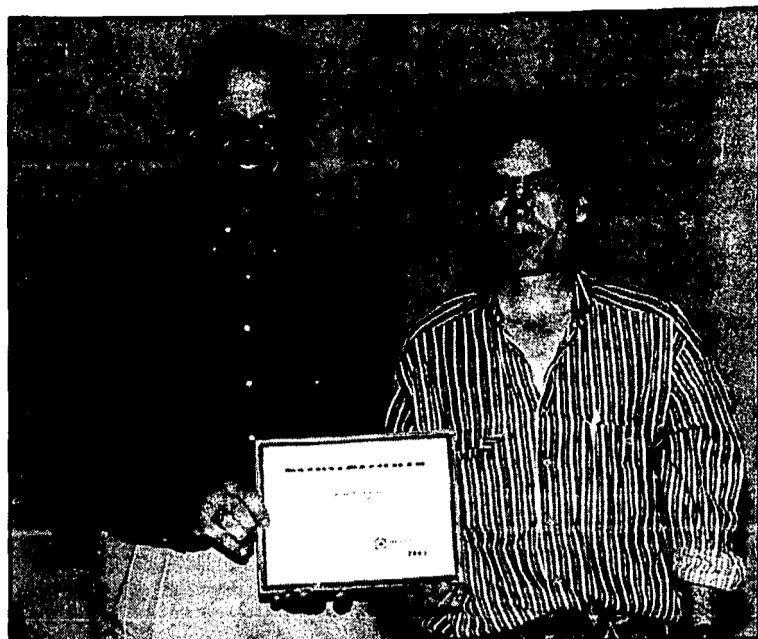
Robinson attended the two-day school, which stressed the importance of maintaining a high level of customer service on November 10-11.

The school, held at the Midwest Industries headquarters in Ida Grove, Iowa, was led by a total of 26 instructors specializing in sales, customer service and manufacturing.

Already in its third year, the ShoreLand'r Authorized Service School covered many topics related

to boat trailers. Attendees learned how to conduct final assembly checks, correctly fit trailers to watercraft, troubleshoot light problems and properly install and adjust brakes. They were also taken on a plant tour in order to see how ShoreLand'r Boat Trailers are produced and to view how quality assurance is monitored.

ALL ABOUT SERVICE - (At right) President of Midwest Products, Inc. Andy Brosius (left) presents Frederic resident Brad Robinson (right), of Great Lakes Marine, with a certificate of completion after attending Midwest's customer service school.



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The Living History Farm is now accepting applications for park volunteers for the coming season. If you enjoy meeting people, working outside, making or growing things or telling stories and can contribute at least two days a month, Wellington Farm Park Staff would like to talk to you.

Age, physical handicaps or disabilities are not an issue at Wellington Farm Park. Throughout the historical complex, there are volunteer opportunities to meet the abilities of every person willing to give their time.

Painting, cutting grass, driving a tractor, planting flowers, clerking in the farm market, caring for animals or just sitting in the shade and talking to people are all jobs that are filled by volunteers each summer. Last year's volunteers ranged in age from nine to 89.

Wellington Farm Park requires volunteers to attend an orientation program and an interview. Orientation classes will be held in

April and early May. Applications for volunteering are available from the park offices at 6771 S. Military Road near Grayling. Call, toll-free, 1-888-653-3276 and an application will be sent to you.

Wellington Farm Park is a living history museum depicting life in

rural Midwest America during the time of the Great Depression.

The park will open for the season on May 27 and will operate until Halloween.

To learn more about Wellington Farm Park, visit their web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

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The approval is based on a program review and is for three years.

The Paramedic program began this semester and the Basic EMT and Medical First Responder courses will be offered in the fall semester.

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Grayling Pharmacy, The Medicine Shoppe and Lenette Martin, my Avon representative for the donated items I will utilize in my upcoming Service Learning trip to Mexico. On behalf of myself and the nursing home residents of Morelia, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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OBITUARIES

Chauncy K. Lively

Chauncy K. Lively, 80, of Grayling died Friday February 25, 2000, at Munson Medical Center. He was born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1919, the son of Chauncy C. and Grace (King) Lively. He married the former Marion Aiken on January 12, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He moved to Grayling in 1984 from the Greentree area of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Lively worked in radio and television as a music arranger. He authored a book, *Chauncy Lively's Fly Box* and was a regular contributor in the *Pennsylvania Angler Magazine*. He was on the Board of Directors of Anglers of the AuSable and also a member of Trout Unlimited. Mr. Lively loved music, fly fishing and the outdoors.

Mr. Lively was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Marion.

Mr. Lively is survived by two daughters, Anne (Edward Zelinsky) Lively of Falmouth, Maine and Claudia (Valentino) DeVito of Upper St. Clair, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; one granddaughter, Elizabeth DeVito; two sisters, Grace Long of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, and Patricia Lively of Pawley's Island, South Carolina; two brothers, John (Janet) Lively of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Richard (Dorothy) Lively of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and in Grayling in the summer. Dates have not been determined yet.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Anglers of the AuSable, 403 Black Bear Drive, Grayling, MI 49738 or to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Project Fund, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Funeral arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

George Westmoreland

George R. Westmoreland, 80, of Silver City, New Mexico, formerly of Grayling died Friday February 25, 2000, of complications resulting from Alzheimer's disease.

He was born in Charleston, South Carolina on July 17, 1919. He married Elaine D. Smith on May 27, 1944, at St. Mary's Church in Royal Oak. Mr. Westmoreland served in the 94th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World War II, was a prisoner of war, and received the Purple Heart.

Mr. Westmoreland lived in Madison Heights until 1961 when he and his family moved to El Cajon, California. After living in southern California nearly 30 years, he retired from residential construction work and he and his wife moved to Grayling. They relocated to Silver City, New Mexico in 1996 and became members of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church.

Mr. Westmoreland is survived by his wife Elaine, son John Westmoreland, and daughter Gail Westmoreland, all of Silver City; daughters Lynn O'Connell of San Diego, California, Leslie Davis of Pine Valley, California, and Gwen Westmoreland of Grayling; brother James Westmoreland of Royal Oak; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A mass will be offered for Mr. Westmoreland at St. Vincent's in Silver City, New Mexico. He will be interred at Fort Rosecrans on Point Loma in San Diego, California, at which time a memorial service will be held.

In Memory Of

In loving memory of a beautiful lady, wonderful mom and my best friend Barbara Henderson who God took from us two years ago, March 9th, 1998.

I miss you Mom! May God be with you and take care of you.

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Jan Hart

Marie C. Malloy

Marie C. Malloy, 85, a longtime resident of Grayling died Saturday February 26, 2000, at her home.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois, December 2, 1914, the daughter of Philip and Laura Mary Delia (Sauve) Eisenbach. She married Clifford George (Mike) Malloy in Saginaw. She worked as a bookkeeper at Mercy Hospital for 35 years. She was active in the C.O.A. and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Malloy was preceded in death by her husband on October 5, 1989; one daughter, Shirley Luter on August 20, 1996; and two sons-in-law, George Phillips and Mel Luter.

Mrs. Malloy is survived by one daughter, Jean Phillips of Mount Clemens; seven grandchildren, Dave (Nancy) Luter of Carmel, Indiana, Dan (Nicole) Phillips of Clinton Township, Theresa (Mike) Hendren of Sterling Heights, Steve Phillips of Dryden, Michael (Ronda) Luter of Twin Lake, Janice (Paul) Gudenau of Chesterfield and Michelle (Russ) Storrs of Norton Shores; one brother, Eugene (Dorothy) Eisenbach of Saginaw, 13 great-grandchildren; special friend, Art Boettcher; three sisters-in-law, Alice, Marie and "Tiny".

A Mass of Christian Burial was held February 29, 2000 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Father Richard T. Sitar officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Alice Halberstadt

Alice Halberstadt, 67, of Grayling formerly of Holly died Sunday February 27, 2000.

Mrs. Halberstadt was born in Clarkston, April 2, 1932, the daughter of Edward and Fern (Ross) Fuller. She was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joan Sunde; her brother, Fred Fuller; and her granddaughter April Walton.

She is survived by nine children, Claudia Walton of Holly, Donald Sheldon of Holly, Susan Sheldon of Grayling, Kevin Sheldon of Holly, Thomas Sheldon of Fenton, Mary (Donald) Cook of California, Joseph Sheldon of Tennessee, Viva (Daniel) Grommer of Florida and Cynthia Sheldon of Grayling; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Ruth (Bernard) Wilder of Grayling, Sharon (Earl) Hall of Davisburg, Marcia (Bud) DeLong of Rogers City and Jeannine (Gary) Nelson of Waterford; two brothers, Leo Fuller of Frederic and Rodney (Bernie) Fuller of Holly.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., March 1, 2000 at St. Rita's Catholic Church of Holly, with Father Joseph Killeen officiating. Burial will be in Davisburg Cemetery.

George W. Alexander

Judge George W. "Heap" Alexander, III, died Wednesday, February 23, 2000, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born October 18, 1930, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, the son of the late George W. "Heap" Alexander, Jr., and the late Miriam Moore Alexander. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Alexander of Devil's Elbow, Grayling, Michigan; his daughter, Ann Gordon, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; his brother and sister-in-law, Judge Charles R. Alexander and Maxine M. Alexander, of Crown, Pennsylvania; his grandson, Alexander Gordon, and his granddaughter, Jennie Gordon; his aunt and uncle, Rex and Maxine Hurd of Grand Junction, Colorado; two stepsons, Bradley Lampe of Zeeland, Michigan, and Timothy Lampe of Champaign, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

Judge George Alexander had the first of many triumphs as the quarterback and captain of Clarion High School's 1947 undefeated football team. He graduated from Clarion High in 1948, and went to Denison University in Ohio, where he continued his football career under the legendary Coach Woody Hayes. In 1950 he enlisted in the United States Marines, and served in Korea as a second lieutenant. In the Korean War, Lieutenant Alexander received many honors, including the Navy Cross for his heroic part in a dangerous mission behind enemy lines. He attained the rank of captain in the Marines.

After Korea, Judge Alexander received a bachelors' degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. After several years as an engineer, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan. After practicing in Clarion with his brother, he returned to Michigan. He was the first public defender of Washtenaw County, Michigan, and in 1975 he was elected Judge of the 15th District Court for the City of Ann Arbor.

Judge Alexander retired in 1991 and continued to hear cases as a visiting judge. It was then that he found his truest calling, as a professional trout fishing guide on the AuSable River, in northern Michigan. He was a guide for Gates AuSable Lodge, he served on the Board of Directors of Anglers of the AuSable, and his writings appeared regularly in *The Anglers' publication, The Riverwatch*. He also worked diligently for many other conservation organizations. He and his wife Peggy enjoyed entertaining their families, their many friends, and his fishing clients in their home, Devil's Elbow, on the river.

Family and friends will gather for a celebratory wake on Friday, March 3, 2000, in The Great Room of The Garland Resort, Lewiston, MI. The family asks that donations be made to Anglers of the AuSable, c/o Gates AuSable Lodge, 403 Black Bear Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

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name...

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in all the hearts
he changed along the way."
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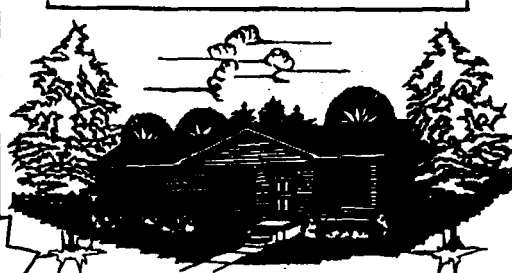
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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 5-11

Aries
March 21-April 20
Your natural leadership qualities will come in handy soon. However, don't be so assertive that you end up offending the people around you. Keep in mind that your special color this week is red. Don't let a family problem cloud your instincts.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
New ventures are heading your way, but you need to be cautious of the first opportunity that comes along. The right venture could bring you a true sense of satisfaction. Your creative flair, used in the right way, may improve your social standing.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
What a great time this is be for you to escape from responsibilities and put your personal life in order. You need to be totally honest with yourself. Keep in mind that this is a pale blue and mauve time in your life.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Find a place in your life for a new hobby or interest. Get some of your family interested, too. Who knows what these new ideas could mean to you and the family unit. Tuesdays may be a key day when it comes to your extensive workload.

Leo
July 23-August 23
Push aside your tendency to let what others think of you affect what you do and say. It would be wise for you to forge ahead diligently and expect the best. Don't be surprised if a dear, old friend shows up at your door without calling first.

Virgo
August 24-September 22
Try not to let your sensitive side get the best of you now. Crying or feeling hurt at the wrong time could really put the skids on a career or relationship. By Friday, events at work should start to fall into place for you.

Libra
September 23-October 23
Listen to your heart. This is one time it will not let you down. Your ability to communicate on many levels will come in handy on the job. Keep your eyes open. You may find a new source of motivation headed your way.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
Your key word this week is "understanding." Rest assured, you will need it. Don't be too judgmental of a distant relative. It's time you got concerned about a sticky financial situation. It could end up wrecking havoc on your future.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21
Stay confident. You may find your level of confidence opens the door to new and different opportunities. Make a great idea of yours a reality. Listen to your intuitive feelings instead of the doubter in your extended family.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
Bright yellow is your color this week, which will be a reflection of the brightness and sunshine you'll bring to the lives of those around you. Your positive light may help open many doors of communication and opportunity.

Aquarius
January 21-February 18
You may be able to depend on the support of a few influential people. Take advantage of the situation. Look for the numbers, three and seven, to benefit you. Use them wisely. Financial change is on your horizon. Keep your eyes open.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
A fun social gathering will definitely be the highlight of your future. You'll want to set aside some time for it so you can see some special friends you haven't seen for some time. It's not a good idea to push an ally too hard. Be patient.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Smokey Chipotle Cheddar-Stuffed Pigskin Potatoes

Makes 8 servings
Prep time: 1 hour
Cook time: 10-12 minutes

8 8 oz. baking potatoes, scrubbed
butter
1 lb. lean ground beef, cooked and drained
1 cup hickory-flavored BBQ sauce
1 canned chipotle pepper (packed in adobo sauce)*, seeded and minced
1 tsp. adobo sauce (from can)
8 ounces (2 cups) shredded cheese (preferably smoked,

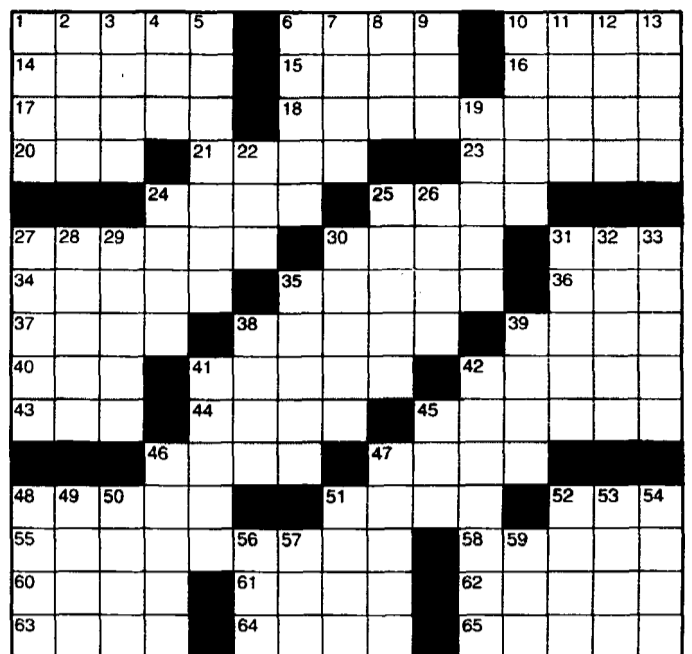
sharp or combination of both)
1/2 cup green onions

Preheat oven to 425°F.
Prick potatoes with a fork and lightly rub with butter. Bake for 1 hour. Let cool slightly. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise; scoop out pulp (reserve for other desired use) leaving a 1/2 inch shell. Combine ground beef, BBQ sauce, chipotle pepper, adobo sauce and half the cheese. Fill potato shells with mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Place potatoes on baking sheet; bake 10 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted. Sprinkle with green onions.



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ACROSS

- Type of martini
- Eat corn on the cob
- Vogue competitor
- Be of value
- Exec's car
- Hud costar
- Kin of twerps
- British national flag
- Prior to, to a bard
- In the know about
- Hammies
- Malay knife
- "Lou" (Marty Link's comic strip)
- Humiliate
- Rubbish pile
- U. Tennessee athlete, for short
- Put arrow
- Before stone or right
- Exclamation of surprise
- Movers' transports
- Scientist Marie
- Strike replacement
- Catchall abbr.
- Put eyebrow
- With eyes wide open
- Glimpse
- Kinds
- Deli devices
- Calista's TV role
- Mild oath

- Knock one's socks off
- Not all or nothing
- Speedwagon
- Coming back
- Clock type
- Eros
- Cannon sound
- Wish granter
- Sternum, e.g.
- Fidel's country
- All gone from the plate

DOWN

- It shows which way the wind blows
- There
- Issue a challenge
- Josh
- Loser in a horse race
- Sates
- Flora who scored The Godfather
- Pal, in Paris
- Court with flowers and candy
- Delight in
- Breach of security
- Wedding gown feature
- B.P.O.E. members
- Oceanid, e.g.

- Delta of Venus author
- Beer containers
- Hair-raising
- Starbuck, on the Pequot
- Brubeck and Barry
- Thrill to pieces
- Chop
- Employs
- Oral
- Illinois airport
- Sites for studs
- Unwieldy
- Jaibird's home
- The Trumpet of the (E.B. White)
- Track figure
- Land holdings
- America's Uncle
- Purplish blue
- Authoritative doctrine
- United Emirates
- Exec's message
- Like of bricks (2 wds.)
- Nose-in-the-air sort
- Kick up a fuss
- Sandusky's lake
- Future sign
- Council's network
- Debt letters
- Actress Thompson

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 3, 1977

Dorothy Stockbridge, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, has resigned after levelling a number of charges against the local chamber. She said, "There is a need for complete reorganization ... it is an impossible situation."

A public hearing on the proposed \$7 million sewer project for Grayling Township including the City of Grayling and Lake Margrethe area has taken on added significance in view of the results of a lake water quality study. The study revealed that the water quality is high but the first signs of aging are beginning to appear due primarily to phosphorus from natural causes. Several recommendations to slow the aging process were given including preserving a 100-foot greenbelt around the lake and its tributaries, tributaries and natural drainage courses should not be disturbed, dredging and filling should be avoided and not more than 100 additional single-home septic systems should be installed within 300 feet of the lake or its tributaries.

Janette Sloan, survivor of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning has been upgraded to very good condition by hospital officials who say she may be up and around within a few days.

Two Roscommon teenagers have been arrested in connection with the shooting and robbery of Olaf Pollen.

46 Years Ago
March 4, 1954

Mrs. DeVere (Jean) Renware has purchased Barney's Restaurant in the Kraus building from its former owner Otis Hunter. The name of the restaurant will remain the same.

The race committee set September 4-5, as the dates for the Eighth Annual Michigan Canoe Championship race down the AuSable River from Grayling to Oscoda.



The 1954 Viking Varsity basketball squad had a perfect 17 - 0 regular season. Pictured (back row, l to r): Manager Mike Gibbons, John Schofield, Tom Gibbons, Larry Pond, Dick Klein, Monte Malonen and Manager Jim Bond. Front row: Coach Bruce Smith, Allan Lucksted, Richard (Red) Hamilton, Marvin Bielski, Roger Kesseler, Dave Owens and Jerry Korhonen. Missing is Dale Pettengill.

A wage agreement between Atlas Plywood Corp. and the International Wood Workers of America, C.I.O. has been announced. Women workers at the Grayling plant will receive approximately 21¢ per hour increase while male employees will receive an increase of approximately 17¢ per hour.

69 Years Ago
March 5, 1931

John W. Payne, superintendent of Frederic Schools defeated LaVere Cushman, principal of Grayling schools for County Commissioner of Schools by the margin of six votes in the Primary election held Monday.

South Branch now boasts of a church, with most of the material and labor being donated by residents in the neighborhood. O.B. Scott, John Floeter and Alvin Scott drew up the plans.

A local dealer is advertising used cars priced from \$75 to \$490, the latter for a 1930 model.

The old livery barn building on Cedar street that was sold some time ago to Tri-County Telephone Company by the late N.P. Olson, is being torn down.

March dawned in like a lamb, and so far has kept up that moderate disposition, except for light snow flurries.

A Boy Scout troop has been organized with Mr. Cushman as scout-

master. Kenneth Gothro is patrol leader for the "Hawks" and Neil Olson for the "Flying Eagles."

In the first grade, Aleen Brown, Eleanor Bugby, Donald Borchers, Ruth Ann Kernosky, Bobby Nelson, Jerome Wilcox and George Woods were neither absent nor tardy during February. Miss Cassidy, teacher.

92 Years Ago
March 5, 1908

Removing the earth to repair a break in a sewer, found the frost had penetrated about three feet.

Esbern Olson is back in High School again after a two weeks illness.

The A.E. Hendricksens will leave Grayling soon for their childhood home in the Old World, as this climate seems not to agree with his health. They are such members of society as we would rather retain, than lose them.

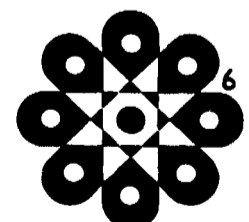
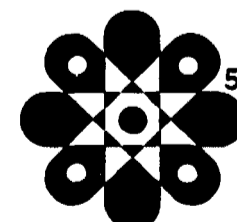
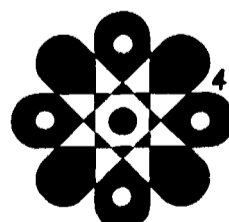
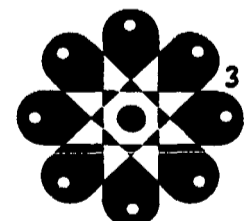
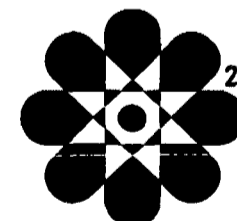
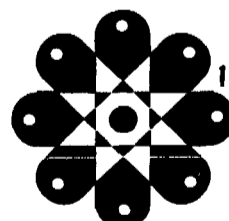
At a meeting called by the Village Committee, C.O. McCollough was chosen chairman and Rolla Brink secretary. Purpose to organize a Business Men's Association. A committee to draft constitution and by-laws was appointed: James W. Sorenson, Marius Hanson, George Mahon, Melvin Bates and Jos. Burton.

March came in Sunday, roaring and blowing and snowing in a way that would make any self-respecting lion green with envy.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: ONE AND THREE



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Precip.	On Ground
2/22	53	34		
2/23	53	34		
2/24	45	35	.16	
2/25	50	35		
2/26	58	42	.06	
2/27	42	28	.05	
2/28	44	26		
Season Total				58"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: **Wednesday - cool, overcast with a high of 40 - 45.** **Thursday - partly sunny and cool, with a low of 20 - 25 and a high of 35 - 40.** **Friday - cloudy and cool with a low of 20-25 and a high near 40.** **Saturday - partly sunny and cool with a high near 40 and a low in the mid 20s.**

PERSPECTIVE

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

March 1 - Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Games at 1:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

March 2 - Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10:30 a.m.

March 3 - Pantry Bingo

March 5 - Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 6 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

March 7 - Trivia

March 8 - Commodities distributed at Eagles Club, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Nova & Co games at 1:30 p.m.; March Birthday dinner and COA White Elephant Auction in the evening.

Volunteer of the Month

Shirley DeBoutte has been selected as the March Volunteer of the Month at the Senior Center.

DeBoutte moved to Grayling four months ago from Westland.

She helps transport people to doctors appointments, etc. She also helps assemble the monthly Gazette from the Senior Center.

March 9 - Blood pressures and blood sugars taken from 11 a.m. to noon; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.

March 11 - Foot Clinic - by appointment. Please call 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 to schedule an appointment.

March 15 - Hearing Clinic by appointment; Afternoon at the Movies at 3 p.m.; COA Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday.

Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Lunch/Dinner for

March 2000:

1 - Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken

2 - Pot Roast/Pork Steak

3 - Beef Stew/no dinner

6 - Chop Suey/Pork Cutlets

7 - Stuffed Turkey/Fish Fillets

8 - Chicken and Biscuits/BBQ Pork

9 - Roast Beef/Stuffed Ham

10 - Hawaiian Ham/no dinner

Special thought to leave you with:

There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative. - W. Clement Stone.

House members seek prescription debate

With the cost of prescription drugs eating more than half of the income of some senior citizens, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, joined other House members in mid-February in a parliamentary maneuver to try to force debate on prescription drug legislation.

Armed with studies of drug prices in northern Michigan he conducted in 1998 and with letters from northern Michigan seniors detailing their personal expenditures for drugs, Stupak added his signature to a discharge petition for two prescription drug bills.

If the petition garners 218 signatures in the 435-member House, its members would be permitted to debate H.R. 1495, a bill to provide a universal prescription drug benefit under Medicare, and H.R. 664, a bill that would give seniors access to prescription drugs at the same best price as large HMOs.

Alzheimer's discussion

Tom Sharp of the Northeast Michigan Alzheimer's Association will be at the Senior Center, Tuesday, March 21, at lunchtime to discuss the warning signs of Alzheimer's.

"Prescription drug coverage for seniors is one of the most serious issues facing this congress, but the pharmaceutical industry and their allies in the Republican leadership have spent the last year working to make sure prescription drug legislation never sees the light of day," Stupak said.

Stupak detailed the financial difficulties of an 88-year-old Cheboygan resident who wrote him in January to explain that her prescriptions consume \$446 each month of her \$814 Social Security benefit.

"Essential medications cost 54 percent of this woman's monthly benefit," Stupak said. Letters from elderly residents in L'Anse, Ironwood and Traverse City revealed 22

percent, 23 percent and 26 percent, respectively, of incomes spent on their prescription drugs.

"I have co-sponsored strong, common-sense legislation to address the prescription drug crisis and help seniors avoid having to choose between buying groceries or taking the medication their doctors prescribe," Stupak said.

"Our seniors face financial crises, and they make life-and-death choices because of the cost of their prescriptions," he said. "Now is the time to debate this issue, to pass meaningful legislation - legislation that provides a universal prescription drug benefit under Medicare - and to end the drug price discrimination by the pharmaceutical industry."

How much can you earn while getting Social Security?

Social Security beneficiaries who will be working during 2000 can earn more money than last year, and still receive their full benefit amount.

Beneficiaries under 65 can earn up to \$10,800 a year without having benefits any withheld. For every \$2 earned over the limit, \$1 will be withheld from the benefit.

Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$17,000 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$3 earned over the limit, \$1 will be withheld from the benefit.

Beneficiaries 70 and older who continue to work can earn an unlimited amount without having any benefits withheld.

How to lower your energy bill

With the rising cost of fuel, its just a matter of time before your utility bills increase.

Some ways to help keep the costs down are:

- Use a microwave, electric skillet, toaster oven or crockpot instead of the oven.
- Use a ceiling fan to help distribute heat in the winter and cool the house during the summer.

- Wait to wash dishes until the dishwasher is full.

- Wait until there is a full load of dirty clothes to wash.








- Iron clothes when they are still slightly damp. They will iron easily and cut down on energy use by the dryer.

- Remove screens in the winter. They block the warming sunlight.

Crawford County Commission on Aging

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MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Happy St. Patrick's Day		1 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 1:30 - Nova & Co. Games 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	2 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30 BP's Taken 11 - noon Adult Education 1:00	3 1:00 Pantry Bingo ***** 5 Sunday Brunch - 10 to 1 Ch. Beef on Toast
6 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	7 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia 	8 Commodities at the Eagles 9:30-10:30 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 1:30 Nova & Co. Games 5:00 - Birthday Dinner & COA White Elephant Auction	9 BP's Taken 11 - noon 1:00 - Adult Education 5:30 - Cardo 	10 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** March 11th Special Foot Clinic by appointment
13 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	14 1:00 - Euchre Club  Saint Patrick's Dance with Tina at 5:30	15 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 3:00 afternoon at the movies "Runaway Bride" 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	16 Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30 BP's Taken 11 - noon Adult Education - 1:00	17 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help St. Patrick's Day ***** 19 Pancake Brunch 10 - 1 
20 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	21 12 - Speaker on Warning Signs of Alzheimers 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	22 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 1:30 - Nova & Co. Games 5:30 - R&R 	23 BP's Taken 11 - Noon Adult Education - 1:00	24 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 26 Potluck - 2 p.m. Bring a Dish to Pass & Tableware
27 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	28 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - "Ellie Mae's" Country Dance	29 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 1:30 - Nova & Co. Games	30 BP's Taken 11 - Noon Adult Education - 1:00 5:30 - Cardo	31 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 

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County voters choose McCain

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Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 8; McCain - 138; uncommitted - 1. Democrats: LaRouche - 1; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 1.

Precinct 305 - Grayling Township - 111 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 43; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 3; McCain - 56; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 3. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 306 - Grayling Township - 8 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 2; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 2; Keyes - 1; McCain - 4; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 401 - Lovells Township - 120 total ballots cast. Republicans:



Election officials have more room to work in now at the Grayling Township Hall.

Bauer - 0; Bush - 43; Forbes - 2; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 1; McCain - 62; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 2. Reform: Trump - 1; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 501 - Maple Forest Township - 89 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 26; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 0; McCain - 57; uncommitted - 0. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 2. Reform: Trump - 0;

uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 601 - South Branch Township - 254 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 57; Forbes - 2; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 2; McCain - 177; uncommitted - 3. Democrats: LaRouche - 0; uncommitted - 0. Reform: Trump - 0; uncommitted - 0.

Precinct 701 - City of Grayling - 286 total ballots cast. Republicans: Bauer - 0; Bush - 115; Forbes - 0; Hatch - 0; Keyes - 13; McCain - 141; uncommitted - 3. Democrats: LaRouche - 1; uncommitted - 5. Reform: Trump - 1; uncommitted - 0.

County Totals:

Republicans: McCain - 1,275; Bush - 711; Keyes - 52; uncommitted - 11. Bauer, Forbes and Hatch have dropped from the race.

Democrats: LaRouche - 4; uncommitted - 20. Al Gore and Bill Bradley removed their names from the primary ballot in lieu of the

March 11 Democratic caucus, the only votes to count toward nomination in that party.

Reform: Trump - 3; uncommitted - 2. Trump has also dropped from the race, however the Reform Party will nominate their candidate at a convention this summer. Former Republican Pat Buchanan is seeking the Reform Party nomination.

The final Michigan Republican delegate distribution is 52 for McCain and six for Bush. To date, of total delegates, McCain has 96, Bush has 67, Keyes has four and 12 delegates are uncommitted. A total of 1,034 of 2,066 available delegates are needed to win the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

In the Democratic race to date, Gore has 42 delegates and Bradley has 27. There are no uncommitted so far. A total of 2,170 available delegates are needed to capture the Democratic nomination.

Galloway and Solomonson to exchange vows



Elizabeth Galloway and John Solomonson

Roland and Janet vonKaler of Tecumseh and Gwendolyn (Penny) Solomonson of Grayling announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Ann Galloway and John R. Solomonson, both of Tecumseh. John is the son of the late John W. Solomonson.


Elizabeth is a graduate of Siena Heights University with a B.A. in Human Services. She also is a graduate of American Institute of

Paralegal Studies. She is a State of Michigan employee at Arbor Heights Center in Ann Arbor.

John is a graduate of Adrian College with a B.A. in Human Services. He is also a State of Michigan employee at the Adrian Training School in Adrian.

An April 1 wedding is planned at the Tecumseh United Methodist Church with a reception immediately following.

Report news to the Avalanche at 348-6811



Bingo

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Thursday - 6:30 pm
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Friday - 6:30 pm
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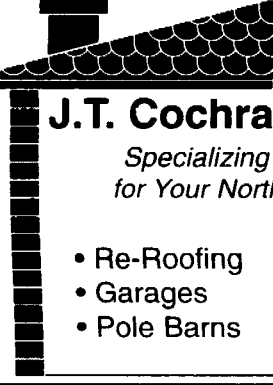
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Tickets are \$8 and are available through the Crawford AuSable Adult Education Office by calling (517) 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 74 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of February 20 - February 27:

Three driving violations/DWLS etc., three delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, one false alarm activation, one hazardous condition, 22 general non-criminal, 10 traffic accidents (six were car-deer), one traffic violation/civil infraction, three civil matter disputes/family trouble, three suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one natural death, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/forced entry, four larceny, one larceny from yards, three property damage, one private property damage, four public peace/disorderly, eight health and safety (all animal control), one miscellaneous arrest, one driving on revoked/suspended license.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT No. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

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WIC - Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information.

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Screenings: March 8. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Conducted in Cadillac Office Quarterly - April. Call (231) 775-9942 for an appointment.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Elliott of Cleveland, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Natasha Marie born on February 15, 2000. She weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Becky and Mike Lee of Grayling and Francisco Barron Martinez of Tampico, Mexico.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 49 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from February 20 through February 26:

Two false alarms, three felony arrests, four misdemeanor arrests, one assault, three assists to other departments, two breaking and enterings, one city ordinance violation, one domestic, two juvenile complaints, five larcenies, one motorist assist, one OUIL, one suspicious situation, three private property accidents, two traffic accidents, one civil infraction citation, five misdemeanor citations, and 11 miscellaneous complaints. Five traffic warnings were also given during the period.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during March 1 through March 7.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline.

For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6153.

OBITUARIES

Beverly Lou Hubbard

Beverly Lou Hubbard, 71, of Brighton, formerly of Grayling died Friday February 25, 2000, at home.

She was born in Detroit, April 2, 1928, the daughter of Cecil and Louise (Richmond) Black. She worked as a licensed practical nurse.

She is survived by one son, Brian Nowakowski of Scottsdale, Arizona; three daughters, Sandra L. Kaye of Brighton, Patricia L. Whitehead of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Rebecca L. Karas of Fort Drum, New York, two sisters, Shirley Ryan of LaChine and Carol Kattelman of Mt. Clemens; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held March 1 at the Herrmann Funeral Home with Reverend Bart Muller of St. George Lutheran Church officiating.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Livingston Community Hospice.

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As this chiropractor explained it to me, there is a certain part of the spinal column that regulates the bladder - I can't explain it very well - but all I can say is it worked, which meant everything in the world to me and my boys. These kids couldn't go to camp or sleep over at a friend's house because of their terrible problem, and I was a slave to the washing machine, doing those bedsheets and blankets every day.

I don't want to embarrass my boys or the medical doctors in my community, so if you use this letter in your column, just sign me...

-A True Believer in South Carolina

Dear True Believer: I believe you. I have several hundred letters bearing the same message concerning chiropractors. I am well aware that some in the medical profession will criticize me for giving what sounds like a "commercial" for chiropractors - the "stepchildren" of the medical profession - but I would be less than honest if I did not publish your letter.



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Grayling High School to host District Tournament

MARCH MADNESS 2000

THE VIKINGS:

A LOOK AT THE PLAYERS AND THE COACHES:

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HAWKINSFORWARD
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FRITZ

► The Vikings will play the Roscommon Bucks in round one of Districts

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

It's almost tournament time for high school boys basketball teams, which means "March Madness" will soon be sweeping the state as fans root for their favorite squads during the playoffs.

The draws for Grayling's District were announced on Monday, February 28. The Vikings will open the tournament against cross-town rivals, the Roscommon Bucks.

"They've played well at times this year," Grayling Coach Rich Moffit said of Roscommon. "They're a team that's capable of beating us. We have to play well."

The Vikings will have home court

advantage throughout this year's District Tournament, since Grayling High School will be the site of the tourney.

"We've played well at home so far," said Coach Moffit. "but we don't want to take it for granted we're going to win just because we're at home. We have to play defense, and we have to play hard."

Moffit noted that right now the Vikings are healthy for the first time this season, a key element for the team as playoffs begin. (GHS center Jeremy Latuszek has been out for most of the season with a foot injury, but returned to action last week against Oscoda. Guard Nate Hinkle missed a few games earlier

this year due to an ankle injury.)

"This is the first time everyone's been healthy since the beginning of the year," Moffit said. "The big key in the tournament is how well we play on 'D.' We have to board and check people down low."

The game against Roscommon will be played at GHS on Monday, March 6, at 8 p.m. If the Vikings win, Grayling will play Petoskey on Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in the District semi-finals.

The winner of the District Tournament will advance to Regionals, which will be held in Gaylord.

Pre-sale tickets will be available at Grayling High School from 8:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 6, for \$4. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$4.

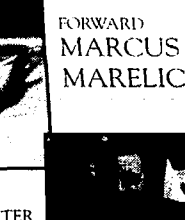
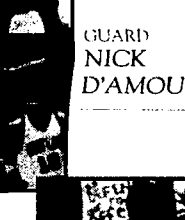
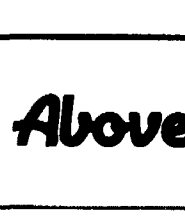
Please note: Grayling athletic passes will not be honored for the District tournament, since it is a MHSAA event.

The gym will be cleared after each game on Monday and Wednesday, and each session requires a ticket.

In recognition of the start of tournament play, this special March Madness section (1-4B) features photographs and brief profiles of each of the current GHS varsity basketball players, plus two JV players that will be promoted to varsity for the District Tournament.

THE VIKINGS:

A LOOK AT THE PLAYERS AND THE COACHES:

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Cheboygan

Roscommon

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GRAYLING

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at 7 p.m.

Petoskey

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Bye

Petoskey

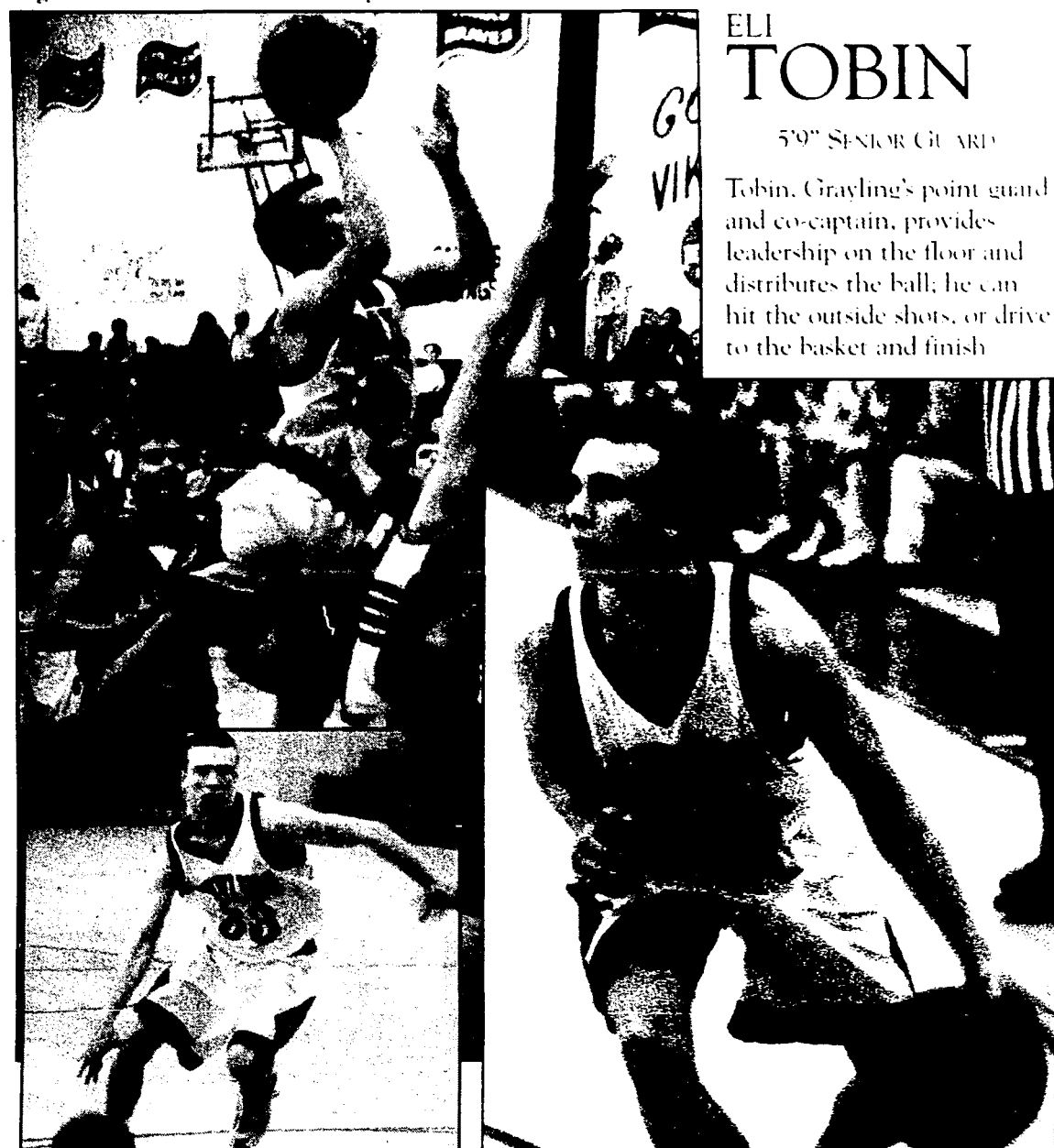
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competition at Gaylord)

All matches will be held at Grayling High School. Pre-sale tickets will be available at GHS on Monday, March 6, for \$4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door. (Passes will not be honored, since this is an MHSAA tournament.)

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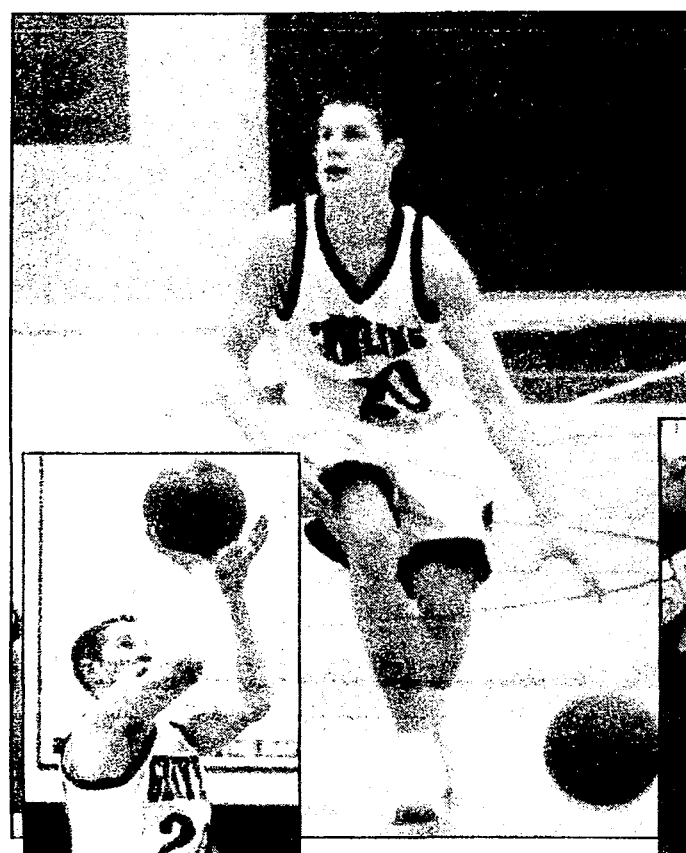
Tobin, Grayling's point guard and co-captain, provides leadership on the floor and distributes the ball; he can hit the outside shots, or drive to the basket and finish.



NATE HINKLE

6'3" SENIOR GUARD

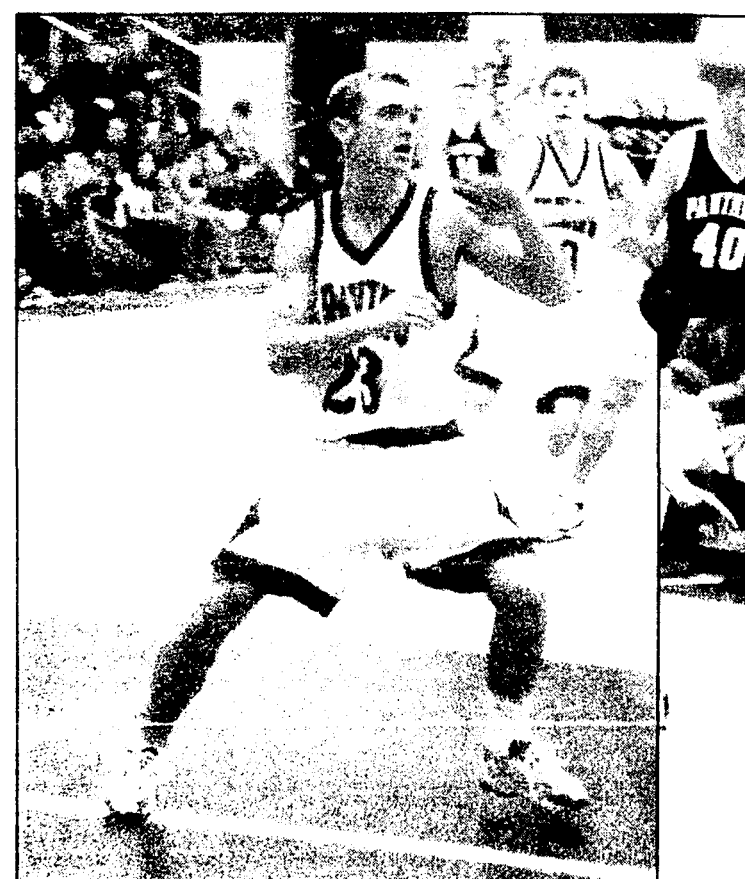
Hinkle, a co-captain, is Grayling High School's all-time leading scorer; a great shooter, rebounder, and ball-handler, he can play any position on the floor.



DAVE HAWKINS

6'2" SENIOR FORWARD

Hawkins is Grayling's leading rebounder, he can dominate on the boards; Dave is a good outside shooter and can also take the ball in the paint; a good ball-handler, he can play any position.



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Wilson, an aggressive and scrappy defender, provides the Vikings with intensity.



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Basketball.

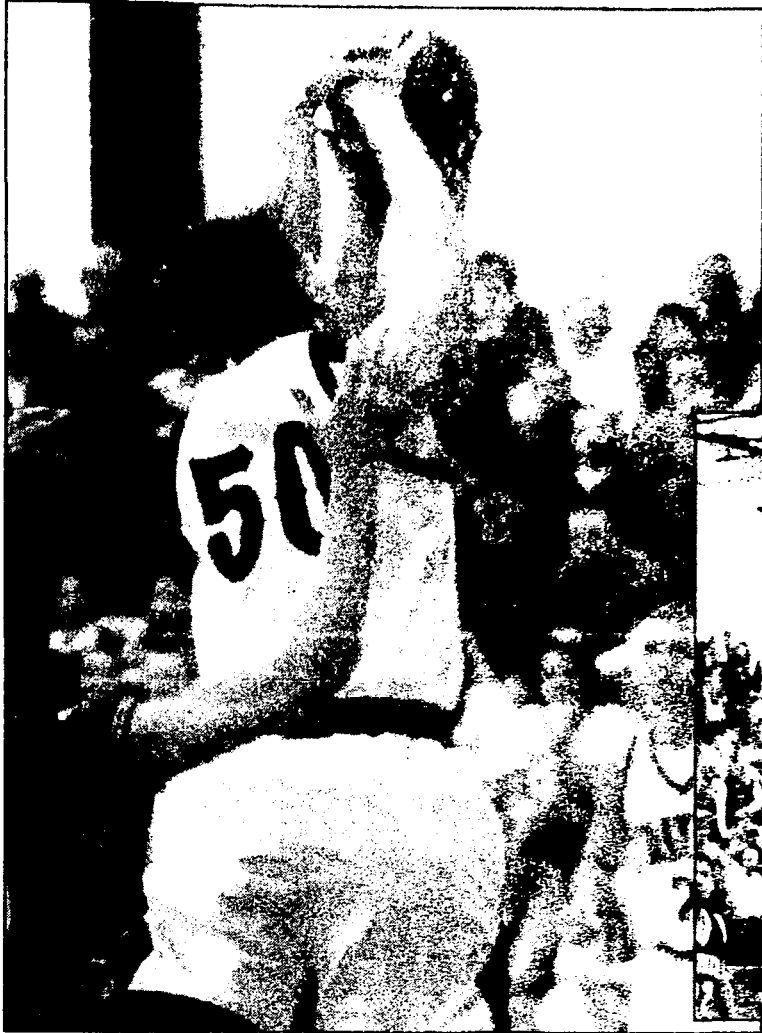
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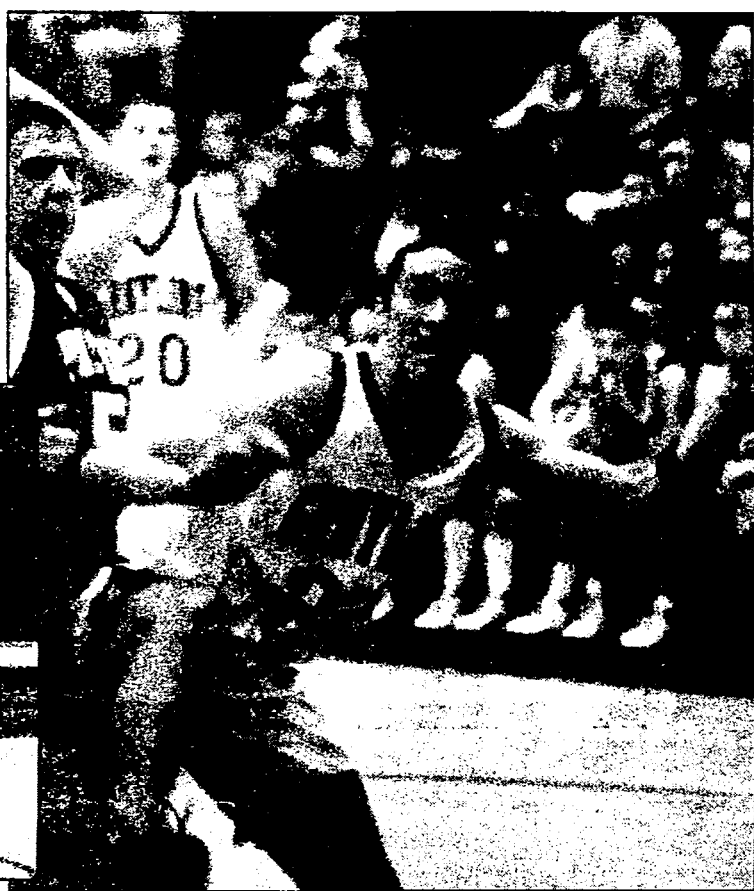
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ADAM KNAPP

6'4" SENIOR CENTER

A big, physical player in the paint, Knapp gives Grayling some muscle down low and solid defense in the paint.



JEREMY LATUSZEK

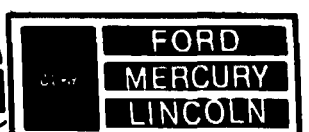
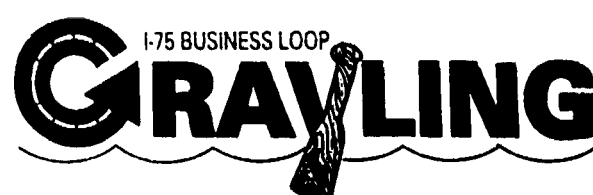
6'2" SENIOR CENTER

Jeremy, a great all-around athlete, was injured early in the season and just recently returned to action; Latuszek is a good rebounder and a solid defensive player; 1999-2000 was his first season of organized basketball.



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LEVI BURKETT

6'2" JUNIOR GUARD

Levi is a good offensive rebounder and a solid outside shooter; a junior, he has improved his game throughout the year.



MARCUS MARELICH

5'10" JUNIOR FORWARD

A good rebounder and an aggressive defender, Marcus provides hustle and scoring ability off the bench.



NICK D'AMOUR

5'11" SOPHOMORE GUARD

D'Amour, a good all-around guard, was moved up to varsity mid-way through the season to help fill some minutes left by injuries; Nick is a good shooter and can drive to the basket.



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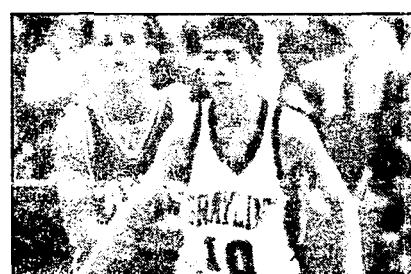
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LARRY BAYNHAM

6'0" SOPHOMORE FORWARD

A JV player that will be brought up for the District tourney, Larry is an intense physical player and has a great jump shot.



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Boys ski team wins conference

► Viking boys go unbeaten in league, cap season with win at Conference Meet

The GHS boys ski team won the Central Alpine Ski Conference meet at Treetops in Gaylord last week, winning the league. The Viking boys team was undefeated in conference competition this year and last year as well, posting a 22-match win streak in league play over the course of two seasons.

"The boys team felt bad after their performance in the Regionals and took out their frustration on the league," said Coach Mike Wieland.

Team scores at the conference meet were: Grayling 40, Mt. Pleasant 86, Clare 96, Harrison 102, Roscommon 167, and Farwell 168.

Girls team scores were: Mt. Pleasant 58, Clare 62, Farwell 79, Grayling 139, Roscommon 151, and Harrison 185.

Grayling's boys team dominated the medal standings, taking nine of 20 league medals, four in giant slalom (GS) and five in slalom.

Top racers were Jason Boreo with a 1st in slalom and Matt Ginther with a 1st in GS. Boreo placed 4th in GS and Ginther 3rd in slalom.

Ray Trudgeon finished 6th in both events. Paul Jansen was 9th in slalom and 10th in slalom, John Herrick was 10th in slalom and 17th in GS, and Keil Clough placed 21st in slalom and 18th in GS.

Double medal winner Kelly



GHS boys ski team, Central Alpine Ski Conference champions

Jansen led the lady Vikes. She finished 7th in slalom and 9th in GS. Andria Alvarez placed 15th in slalom and 11th in GS. Andy Holzbauer placed 16th in slalom and disqualified in GS. Lesley Gilbert finished 23rd in slalom and 27th in GS.

After the league meet, All-League

Teams and All-League honors were announced. Season long results were used to determine the awards.

For Grayling, Kelly Jansen won a spot on the Girls 1st Team in slalom and was honored with a 2nd Team Giant Slalom membership. Alvarez took 2nd Team honors in both slalom and GS.

Ginther and Trudgeon earned spots on the 1st Team in both slalom and GS. Boreo and Paul Jansen both took 2nd Team honors in slalom and GS.

The team's season is now over. The ski team will hold a year-end banquet at Hanson Hills, but a date has not yet been set.

Three GHS wrestlers earn trip to State Finals

► Evon, Niederer and CdeBaca place in top 4 at Regionals to qualify for State

Three GHS wrestlers -- Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, and Victor CdeBaca -- will be competing in the State Wrestling Individual Finals at Joe Louis Arena after qualifying at Individual Regionals this past Saturday.

Evon took first place in his weight division (125), winning a Regional Championship. CdeBaca finished

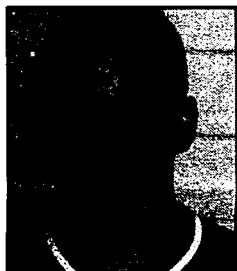
2nd in his division (187) to qualify for State, and Niederer took 4th in the 130 weight class to earn a spot at the State Finals.

At Regionals, held on February 26 at Roscommon, five Vikings competed. Andy Palmer and Chris Peters were both eliminated. Palmer (119) and Peters (171) both had good seasons this year for the Vikings.

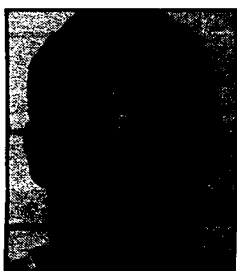
In the first round of Individual Regionals Evon won a 14-2 decision, Niederer lost a 7-3 decision, and CdeBaca won an 8-7 decision.

In round two, Evon won a 6-3 decision, Niederer won with a pin,

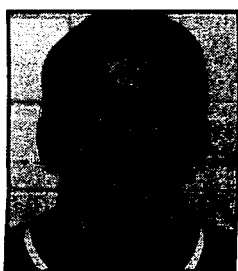
STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS FROM GHS:



MATT EVON



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JOSH NIEDERER

and CdeBaca pinned his opponent. Niederer advanced to the finals with a win by default in round three, after the opponent's coach called the

match late in the contest due to an injury to his wrestler.

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Viking volleyball team to play in Districts

► Vikings lose to Gaylord; team prepares for District tournament

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's varsity volleyball team lost a two-of-three series to the Gaylord Blue Devils last Monday, with scores of 8-15, 15-4, and 12-15.

Gaylord took an early lead in game one. Both teams played well, setting to the front and getting hard hits at the net.

Late in the match, Grayling pulled within three on Mika Sumner's serve with a block by Arica Wolcott, a finish by Wolcott on sets by Mel Paxton and Kristy Hulbert, and a kill by Paxton on a nice set-up by Hulbert. The Blue Devils led 10-7 at that point, but the Vikings only managed one more score in the game, falling 15-8.

The Vikings played a much better second game, tying the series at 1-1. The match featured some good volleys, and Grayling earned some hard-fought points against a good Gaylord squad.

With the score at Grayling 5, Gaylord 3, the Vikings scored three points on Wolcott's serve, including two on aces, to go up by five.

With the score at 10-4 Grayling's lead, the Vikes finished the match with Hulbert serving. Grayling scored on a spike by Wolcott, a good shot by Sumner up front and two aces by the server at the end to cap it.

The rubber match was close all the way to the end, but Grayling pulled out the win, taking control of the match late.

Grayling trailed by four 8-12, but eventually chipped the lead down to one 11-12. Gaylord then scored two more points to make it game point Gaylord, 14-11.

A block by Brandy Ritter got Grayling the ball back, and the Vikings scored one point on Jenny Phillips' serve. Gaylord regained possession and ended the Viking comeback attempt with a strong

block at the net, winning the match 15-12 and the series 2-1.

DISTRICTS: The Grayling varsity volleyball team will play in the District Tournament this Saturday. Grayling High School is hosting volleyball Districts this year, so the Vikings will have home court advantage.

Grayling's first match will be against Roscommon at 10 a.m. The

second game of the tourney will be played at 11 a.m., featuring Houghton Lake versus Kalkaska.

The winner of the Grayling/Roscommon match will play Ogemaw Heights after the HL/Kalkaska game. Other games will follow in succession as matches are completed. The winner of the tournament will advance to Regionals.

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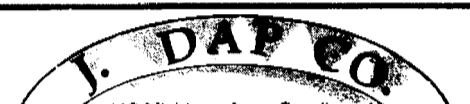
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Bear was born on March 5, 1902 in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, during a powerful snowstorm. He grew up hunting and trapping game, under the guidance of his uncle, Charley Bear.

In 1923 Bear moved to Detroit. For the next few years he worked with the Packard Motor Car Company and Chrysler.

In 1927 Bear's interest in bowhunting was sparked by an adventure film called "Alaskan Adventures," which featured famed bowhunter Art Young. Later in the year, Bear met Young in Detroit, and the two developed a friendship. Over the course of the next few years, Young taught Bear how to build bows, arrows, and strings, and the two men spent hours outside shooting.

Bear and a friend created Bear Products Company in 1933 with \$600

in combined resources in a small Detroit garage. The company specialized in silk-screen advertising, but Bear continued to build archery equipment while there, and eventually was able to sell enough of it to become self-sufficient. He ended the partnership, and started his own enterprise, Bear Archery Company.

He then started promoting the sport of bowhunting. He won several archery competitions, and began putting on archery exhibitions in cities around the U.S. In 1942 he made his first of what would be a series of several films featuring bowhunting adventures. He used the films to promote the sport and his business.

Bear, who also was an avid flyfisherman, moved his company to Grayling in 1947. The vast forests were ideally suited to his business and outdoor pursuits.

Bear touched many lives in the area; his company became the largest employer in the county, employing over 500 people in the late 1940's.

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The museum was later moved to Gainesville, Florida, after the company relocated there.

He sold Bear Archery in 1967 but continued to serve as the president of the company.

He continued to work in his office until his death in 1988, following an extended illness. He was 86.

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JV volleyball team falls short against Gaylord Blue Devils

► Viking comeback pulls Grayling within one point of a series win, but Devils win

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity volleyball team put together a strong comeback effort against Gaylord last week, but lost the best-of-three series to the Blue Devils 2-1. In the rubber match, Grayling had control of the contest 14-12 (game point), but Gaylord scored the next four points to take the game and the series.

In the first match, the Blue Devils took a 10-0 lead on the game's opening serving chance. Grayling scored two points, then the Blue Devils scored two more to make the score 12-2, Gaylord. The Vikings scored four points, then a fifth on a later serving chance to cut the Gaylord lead to five, 12-7.

The Blue Devils then scored three points, winning game one 15-7.

Grayling scored the first five points of game two. Gaylord fought back, and eventually built a 13-6 lead over the Vikings. The Blue Devils had a four-point run that included three aces by the

server.

Two points away from elimination, the Vikes mounted a big comeback. Grayling scored two points on Jamie Dent's serve, including an ace.

Grayling later rallied for a seven-point run behind the strong serving of Lori Hinkle to win the game.

Hinkle had five aces down the stretch, including one on game point to seal the match.

The Vikings won the game 15-13, tying the series at 1-1.

The rubber match was closely contested all the way through. Gaylord took a three-point lead late in the match, 12-9.

Grayling then got five points on Dent's serve, including a shot off the top of the net by Hinkle, a well-placed hit by Jessica Strait, an ace by Dent, and a strong block by Hinkle up front.

Grayling was just one point away from winning the game and the series with the score at Grayling 14, Gaylord 12, but the Vikings couldn't finish it.

Grayling held off one Gaylord serving chance, then gave it right back.

The Blue Devils took advantage of the opportunity, scoring four straight points to win the game 16-14 and the series 2-1.

JV basketball team beats Ogemaw by 11

► Vikings beat WBOH 51-40; last game of season nears

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity basketball team won a road match at West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Friday, beating the Falcons by 11, 51-40.

R.J. Schmidt and Larry Baynham led the way offensively, scoring 16

and 15 points, respectively. Dan Mead scored eight points and Wes Fox added six. Mike Hale and Chet Wheeler also scored in the match.

"We did a nice job controlling the tempo," said Coach Butch Hayes. "The kids came out strong and played hard for four quarters. It was a good team effort both offensively and defensively."

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GRA YOUTH WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) youth wrestling team competed at the Midland tournament on Saturday, February 26. Ten of Grayling's 18 wrestlers finished in the top three in their divisions, earning medals:

1st place: Daniel CdeBaca, Tim VanNuck, Keith Revord, Mykel Revord, Shane Grove, Joey Contreras; 2nd place: Cody (Josh) Partello, Matthew O'Connor; 3rd place: Stephen Grove, Jeff Harwood.

The team will be competing in Meridian on Saturday, March 4.

Three GHS wrestlers earn trip to State Finals

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In the last round, Evon won his bout with a pin to clinch the Regional Championship. Niederer lost a 5-2 decision to take 4th. CdeBaca lost the championship match, finishing 2nd in his division.

For Evon, this will be his third trip to the State Finals in four years. Last year, he was the State runner-up in the 103 weight class. This will be CdeBaca's second trip to the finals, and Niederer's first.

Evon and Niederer are seniors this year. CdeBaca is a junior.

The MHSAA State Wrestling Finals will be held at Joe Louis Arena on March 9-11. Upper Bowl reserved tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets or the Joe Louis Arena Box Office at (313) 983-6606.

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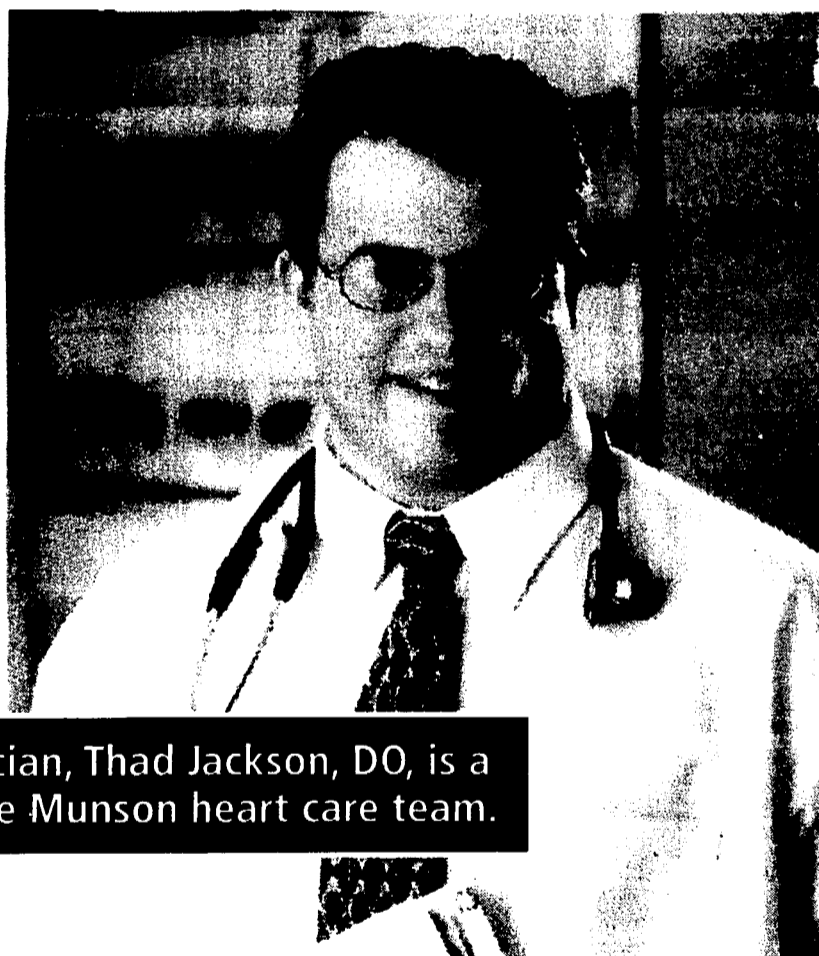
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R. Calkins & Sons	18 - 10
Rochettes	17 - 11
Pro Tree	13 - 15
Darrell's Roofing	10 - 18
R & M Masonry	10 - 18
Red Barn	6 - 22
High Game: M. Miller, 217; S. Romain, 215; T. Hinds, 199; L. Dannenberg, 199.	
High Series: M. Miller, 605; S. Romain, 576; L. Dannenberg, 535.	

Pioneer

Chemical Bank	24 - 4
Ginger's	19 - 9
Aunt Betty's	17 - 11
Custom Interior	16 - 12
Millikins	11 - 17
Lady Slippers	9 - 19
Avalanche	9 - 19
Lucky Strikers	7 - 21
High Game: J. Hinds, 237; K. Moshier, 216; T. Hellebuyck, 204.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 607; K. Trudeau, 538; K. Moshier, 531.	

Recreation

Tri★County Meats	17 - 11
Glen's Market	17 - 11
Mark 8	17 - 11
Mickey Perez CPA	16 - 12
Scheer Motors	16 - 12
Gray Rock Café	12.5 - 15.5
Cornell	8.5 - 19.5
Peterson Saw Service	8 - 20
High Game: S. Tobin, 214; P. Everson, 189; C. Haranczak, 183.	
High Series: P. Everson, 542; S. Sumner, 494; K. Schneider, 486.	

Senior

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	61 - 31
Sylvester's Sports	53 - 39
Friends & Co	50.5 - 41.5

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WEEK #14 RESULTS:

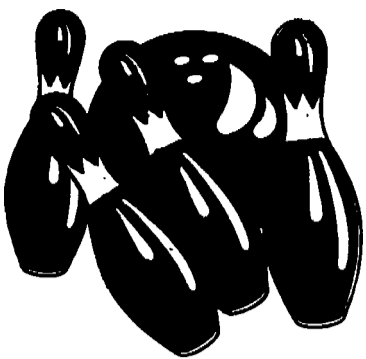
Game #1 Sawmill 86 - Charlie's 47	
Sawmill - Enos 18, Doremire 14, Contreras 12, Maxom 11, Burrell 10.	
Charlie's - Ed Baynham 17, Anderson 11.	
Game #2 Lange Vending 60 - Glen's Market 52	
Lange's - Beckwith 22, Harland 12, Longendyke 10, DiPonio 10.	
Glen's - Grant 12.	
Game #3 Thermogas 73 - Margretheville 69	
Thermogas - Patterson 26, Williams 20, Church Jr. 18.	
Margretheville - Trenary 36, Hull 16.	
Game #4 Holiday Inn 70 - Spike's 48	

Baynham Wood Prod . . . 47.5 - 44.5

Tri★County Meats	45.5 - 46.5
Buccillis Pizza	39 - 53
Flowers By Josie	36.5 - 55.5
Cornell Realty	35 - 57
High Game Men: D. Germain, 215; L. Essiambre, 208; K. Louchart, 200.	
High Series Men: H. Ingram, 557; L. Essiambre, 537; A. Smith, 534.	
High Game Women: V. Westover, 164; D. Hall, 154; P. Essiambre, 154.	
High Series Women: V. Westover, 443, L. Dandy, 430, P. Essiambre, 413.	

Sunday Night Mixed

Sylvester's	28 - 16
McDonald's of Gaylord 27.5 - 16.5	
Wakeley's Auto Parts	26.5 - 17.5
Waste Management	25 - 19
Custom Interior	22 - 22
R & M Masonry	18 - 26
McDonald's of Gaylord #2	18 - 26
Citgo	11 - 33
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 300; J. Elekonich, 225; R. Moshier, 187.	
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 663; J. Elekonich, 581; S. Green, 541.	
High Game Women: S. Romain, 527; M. Miller, 507; J. Hinds, 507.	



Triangle

McDonald's	24.5 - 11.5
Tri★County Meats	22 - 14
Gray Rock Café	22 - 14
Moshier Auto	18.5 - 17.5
Johnson	16 - 20
High Game: M. Sumner, 212; D. Wallace, 198; M. Moshier, 187.	
High Series: D. Wallace, 526; M. Sumner, 523; T. Everly, 499.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II	161
Spikes	144
Frederic Inn	125
Swamp	115
Plaza	111
Sawmill I	103
Legion	102
5 Ball Runs: Michelle of Plaza, Donna of Legion.	
6 Ball Runs: Annette of Swamp.	
8 Ball Run: Barb M. of Sawmill II	

Men's Standings

Margretheville I	82 - 44
Plaza	64 - 62
Legion	61 - 65
Margretheville II	60 - 66
Frederic Inn	60 - 66
Gray Rock	60 - 66
Saw Mill	45 - 63
6 Ball Run: Ken of Legion.	

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LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by WOODROW S. LAFFERTY and TINA M. LAFFERTY, husband and wife, whose address is 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its

District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1986 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 15, 1986 in Liber 248 of Crawford County Records on Pages 326 through 329, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR

HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 46/100 (\$78,434.46) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday March 29, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with

9.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot #23, Block 5, Grayling Park Plat, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known at 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: February 14, 2000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470
-24-2-9-16

30-9140A, deceased.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was Meadows of Grayling, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738 died 9/13/99. An instrument dated Aug. 26, 1987 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Fred Stabnau, 2809 E. Klutz Rd., P.O. Box 113, Fairview, MI 48621 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Richard G. James P15431
13305 Reeck Road
Southgate, MI 48195
Phone: (734) 283-4000

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice of Administration Independent Probate

Estate of ANTHONY OKAPIEC, 376-

NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all township funds for 2000-2001 on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, directly after the regular scheduled board meeting at 7 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed budgets can be viewed at the Community Center on Monday, March 6, 2000 from 10 a.m. to noon or by calling the clerk at 1-231-258-4359.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 7, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2000 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 13, 2000 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 15, 2000 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	45.66	1.0950
Commercial	48.45	1.0319
Industrial	49.99	1.0000
Residential	46.69	1.0708

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 7 p.m., for the purpose of hearing public comment on the establishment of a special assessment district to pay for upgrades to Old Lake Road from M-72 to M-93. The public hearing will be held in the Grayling Township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. If you have any questions concerning the content of the special assessment proposal, please direct all inquiries to: Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor at the above address, or phone (517) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

Grayling Township Board of Trustees
Terry Wright, Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	45.87	1.00000
Commercial	49.65	1.00000
Industrial	42.66	1.00000
Residential	46.99	1.00000

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The City Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on March 7, 2000 at the new location on M-72 West at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will meet with taxpayers to review assessments and taxable values in the Crawford County Building at the West end of Michigan Avenue on the following dates:

Monday, March 13, 2000	9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, 2000	9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property within the City of Grayling:

Class	Factor	Multiplier
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000
Utilities	50.00	1.00000

Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor
City of Grayling

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS
GRAYLING
TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2000

Members Present: Janice Annis, Tom Hall, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Wayne Nelson, Barbara and Bill Greene, Pat Merrill, Tim Coc, Paul Compo, Scott Hanson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2000. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for January 2000 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) E-911 Activities report 12-99, Chamber News for Feb. 2000, Crawford AuSable Board Happenings 12-20-99 and 1-17-00.

No citizens present that wished to speak.

Business:

1. Commissioner Scott Hanson, County Coordinator Paul Compo and Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill presented a county wide recycling proposal wherein Crawford County would provide a one ton pickup, two recycling trailers and a subsidized employee to sort recyclables collected from various pickup points in the outlying townships and brought to the Grayling Township Recycling Center for processing. The program would be on a trial basis through June 2001 then would be adjusted or discontinued depending upon its success.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, that Grayling Township supports the establishment of a countywide recycling program by agreeing to accept (non-contaminated) recyclables from other municipalities within Crawford County. Proposal will be submitted to Crawford County Commissioners and other Township Boards and if they are supportive, an agreement will be negotiated. Ayes: five. Nays: none, motion carried.

2. Tom Hall requested, and was granted, permission to abstain from Item 10-Lot Split due to conflict of interest.

Ann H. Whall has agreed to transfer a portion of Lot 7 of Grayling Park Subdivision (Sec 15, T26N, R4W) to Thomas and Sharon Hall, owners of Lot 8 of Grayling Park Subdivision. The split of the pie-shaped parcel to the Halls would correct the encroachment of a deck that has been determined to be lying across the current property line. There is a question whether the proposed split is legal as it would create further non-conformance with regard to the

Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance: (R-2 zone). Consensus of the Board was to forward the request to Township Attorney for opinion on Grayling Township Lot Split Ordinance #10 and applicable zoning regulations.

3. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, Barbara Clark Greene, reported to the Board regarding Z.B.A. hearing held January 24, 2000, concerning a petition, filed by a neighboring property owner, to reverse an administrative variance granted by the Zoning Administrator to build a garage in the required front yard of a parcel of waterfront land. The Z.B.A. set aside the administrative variance. Since the garage has been completed, there will most likely be legal action filed by the injured party.

4. Ruth O'Mara requested, and was granted, permission to abstain from action on Item 12. Old Lake Road resurfacing project.

Plans are underway to construct a trail system for hikers and bicyclists from Hanson Hill Recreation Area to the Grayling High School. Construction will begin later this year, and will be funded by a Michigan Dept. of Transportation grant of nearly \$600,000, to which Grayling Township has contributed \$20,000 in matching funds.

The work to be done includes building 4-foot wide, attached, paved pathways on each side of Old Lake Road between M-72 and M-93. Detached pathways in this area are not feasible as there is not enough right-of-way.

Since it does not make sense to attach paved pathways to a deteriorating road, a proposal has been formulated whereby the Crawford County Road Commission would pay 50% of the cost of the \$154,525 project. This includes resurfacing Old Lake Road from M-72 through the residential area of Karen Woods. Past Karen Woods, Old Lake Road will have to be completely rebuilt all the way to M-93.

Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve a formula of 50% Road Commission funds, 25% Grayling Township funds, and 25% funding to be raised by Special Assessment for local road improvement projects. Ayes: four, absent: none, abstain: one, Motion carried.

Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to authorize Supervisor to notify residents using Old Lake Road for access to their property that a public hearing will be scheduled for 7 p.m., March 8, 2000, to hear objections regarding the creation of a Special Assessment District to recover 25% of the costs of proposed improvements to Old Lake Road. Preliminary estimates are that the approximately 130 property would pay \$30 per year over a period of 10 years. Ayes: four, absent: one, abstain: none, Motion carried.

5. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to honor Edgar E. Parks for his contribution to the Township Hall addition by planting a tree outside the Township Hall. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to publish historical article in Keepsake Edition of Crawford County Avalanche for February 2000. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Reports: Deputy Time Coc, read and placed on file; Building Inspector Joe Ferrigan, read and placed on file; Recycling Manager Wayne Nelson, read and placed on file.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approved payment of claims on vouchers 21250-21288, Board and Comm. fees \$385, Guardian Dental \$572.21, and Liquor Insp. of \$180 for a grand total of \$48,946.29. Ayes: five. Nays: none, Absent: none. Motion carried.

9. Motion to adjourn by Annis, carried, all ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Hoag, a single woman, Mortgagor to Associates Housing Finance, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1999 and recorded on March 16, 1999 in Liber 477 on page 39, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to N/A by an assignment dated N/A and recorded on N/A in Liber N/A on page N/A County Records, Michigan, N/A on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Eighty-Seven and 14/100 Dollars (\$79,087.14) including interest at 9.50 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door to the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on March 22, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel C; That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West,

South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence S00°17'37"E, along the East line of said Section and centerline of Lefine Road, 632.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S 00°17'37"E along said Section line and said centerline, 347.30 feet; thence N89°17'45"W, 1328.15 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence N00°20'25"W, along said 1/8 line, 22.14 feet to the centerline of Hickey Creek Road; thence N84°32'05"E, along said centerline, 141.05 feet; thence N55°33'57"E along said centerline, 192.83 feet; thence S89°17'45"E, 1028.21 feet to the point of beginning, and all improvements thereon, including a 1999 Dutch-DuChess Limited 28 x 64 Manufactured Housing Unit, Vehicle Identification No. 22752E.

Tax Number: 20-062-027-001-020
Property Address: 10192 Lefine Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 28, 2000
Associates Housing Finance, LLC
P.O. Box 32965
Knoxville, TN 37930-2965 - Mortgagee
Richard A. Green - Attorney
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444
Bingham Farms, Michigan, 48025
(248) 540-7665

-10-17-24-2-9

FORECLOSURE
NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOTT A. & MICHELLE G. HUBER, HUSBAND AND WIFE to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON INCREASING
PROPERTY TAXES

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .4255 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2000.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .4255% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

In order to maintain basic services of the township, the township board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of .4255 mills (43 cents per thousand sev).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells
8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-9215
(517) 348-6437 Fax

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 30, 2000 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

Roadway Surfacing

Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (non-recycled)

Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (35% maximum recycled)
Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted to the Road Commission for Crawford County prior to start of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt pavement for the entire bid quantity.

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by September 1st, 2000, except Military Road which shall be completed by May 1st, 2000.

Road Commission for Crawford County will provide flagmen and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test slips and weight tickets shall be provided. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing production. Certificate shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commissioners AND the Road Commission for Crawford County named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) General liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, 3) Automotive liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, and 4) Worker's compensation - statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete projects and quantities which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Roscommon County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman

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WEIGHT RESTRICTION
PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, February 25, 2000 at 6:00 a.m. the Road Commission for Crawford County has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County Line to County Line
612: Old 27 East to I-75
Four Mile Road: I-75 to Railroad Crossing
Sherman Road: North County Line to landfill

Frost law restricted roads are signed and frost laws are being enforced.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Riehle, Commissioner

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LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF REVIEW / BUDGET
HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will meet with taxpayers from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2000-2001 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall on Monday, April 3, 2000.

There are two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term starting April 1, 2000. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

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A 15 foot utility easement along the front and the back sides of subject Lot 22, as shown on the recorded Plat and reserved in the Dedication thereof, and as reserved in instrument recorded in Liber 153, Page 601, Crawford County Records.

This being the same property described in mortgage USDA, FMHA by Justin E. & Jodi L. Potter, his wife, dated July 3, 1979, and recorded July 3, 1979 in Liber 179, Pages 79-82, Crawford County Records, said mortgage being called out by the execution and recording of this document.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 2000
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Mortgage
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-24-2-9-16

LIBRARY BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

Crawford County Library Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 7 p.m. to hear public comments on the draft conceptual drawing of the new library. The Public Hearing will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright, Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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NOTICE
SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

** Residents and Non-Residents may protest in Writing**

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.
To hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 13, 2000;
9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2000, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. &
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72 (2A)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk
P.O. Box 606
5245 N. M-18
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-8232

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS.

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2000-2001 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on March 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting March 25, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Laura Smith, Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232.

Notice South Branch Township

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.
2. Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 11, 2000	May 9, 2000	June 13, 2000
July 11, 2000	August 8, 2000	September 12, 2000
October 10, 2000	November 14, 2000	December 12, 2000
January 9, 2001	February 13, 2001	March 13, 2001

Annual Meeting: March 31, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2000-2001 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2000 are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

** South Branch Township will be taking applications for all job openings that might occur. Please feel free to call the office at (517) 275-8232 and ask for Laura and/or Dee.

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1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-3-10-17-24-2/1)

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CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$375 month plus security. 734-459-6641 (-24-2-9/2)

TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH duplex in Viking Village of Grayling, with one car garage, and new carpet for \$625 a month. No pets. Trash, lawn care, snow removal and appliances included, must be 55 or over to qualify, lease and security deposit required. Call Lisa at 231-946-6661 ext. 108 for more information. (-2-9-16-23/2)

2. For Rent

NEW OFFICE OR BUSINESS space for rent. Busy highway, one mile west of I-75, exit 244. 517-821-5995 (3-17-2-16-30-13-27/2)

NEW TWO BEDROOM RENTAL with range, refrigerator, garage and utilities. First months rent plus deposit, no animals. 517-348-4650 (-24-2-9/2)

SHARP TWO BEDROOM, two bath home on Portage Creek. Garage/car port. Ideal for working couple. Sorry no children or pets. Lease. \$550 per month with options \$550 deposit. Call 517-348-5433 evenings 517-348-8336 (1/13/00tf/2)

SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT for single working person. Furnished includes utilities, cable. \$285/month, deposit \$150. Call 517-348-5433/517-348-8336 evenings. (2/24/00tf/2)

THREE OR FOUR BEDROOM house. Full basement, two car garage, close to downtown. All appliances included, security deposit required. \$600 month. 517-592-8814. (-2-9/2)

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT HOUSE. Two or three bedroom unfurnished, one bath. Laundry hook-up, cable ready. References plus utilities. \$425 first and last plus \$400 security. 517-348-8466 (3/2/00tf/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT. 500 Michigan Ave., Grayling. \$380 a month. \$200 security deposit. 517-685-3282 (-2/2)

LARGE TWO BEDROOM HOME Total electric, family room and attached garage. \$500 monthly. 517-348-2155 (-2/2)

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DOWNTOWN GRAYLING two bedroom upper level apartment, private balcony, intercom from apartment to locked security door. Coin operated washer and dryer for tenant use. Must see to appreciate. \$400 per month plus utilities. References required, first and last months rent required to move in. Call 517-348-7143. (-24-2/2)

2. For Rent

BEDROOM FOR RENT Taking applications for bedroom that will be available April 1st. Enjoy country style living on the AuSable River. \$350 month includes all utilities plus free cable T.V., kitchen, telephone, sauna hot tub and more. 517-348-2083 (-24-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. Clean and nice on private lot at Skyline. Seven minutes to town. Refrigerator, range, washer/dryer, central air, storage shed. Snow removal provided. \$325 plus utilities. Security deposit, references. 231-933-3245 (-2/2)

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QUALITY BUILT NEW CONSTRUCTION. Situated in one of Grayling's newest subdivisions, 3 bedroom, 2 bath includes master suite with walk-in closet, garden tub, separate shower with drip less door, quarry tile in bath & track lighting. New 12x32 rear deck, shutters, vinyl siding, thermally vinyl clad windows, HWB heat & steel insulated doors. Professionally decorated interior with wallpaper and custom matching paint. This home is a Rural Development "in program" home. \$78,900 MLS# 9-4287



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Nice 3 bedroom home with attached garage. Home located on paved county maintained road. Under-ground electric with 220 hookup outside. Close to snowmobile trails. \$65,000 MLS# 9-3993



FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Block crawl with insulated and lighted floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Home is situated on a double lot. Kitchen has Merrill cabinets and all appliances included. \$110,000 MLS #184



QUALITY THROUGHOUT! Newer energy efficient Ranch. Hardwood floors in kitchen-dining-hallway. Features large country kitchen with extensive oak cabinets, ceramic tile in bath & track lighting. New 12x32 rear deck, shutters, vinyl siding, thermally vinyl clad windows, HWB heat & steel insulated doors. Professionally decorated interior with wallpaper and custom matching paint. This home is a Rural Development "in program" home. \$78,900 MLS# 9-4287



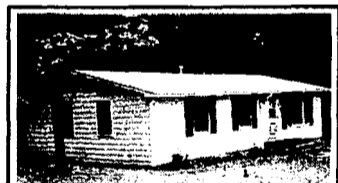
HALF LOG COTTAGE OR STARTER HOME. Ideal for that up north cabin or first home located on a paved county maintained road. Garage and enclosed porch. \$42,000 MLS# 9-2720



IDEAL SETTING - Large family home situated on 10 acres. Amenities include 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, deck, appliances, close access to AuSable River and snowmobile trails. State land located across the road. \$105,000 MLS# 9-4235



RECENTLY REMODELED 4 BEDROOM HOME. Wonderful home for a family located near both the Primary School and Hospital. Features include new roof, windows, siding & doors. Interior offers 4 bedrooms spacious living room and large dining room. \$76,000 MLS# 9-4286



ADORABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME offers parquet floor in kitchen and ceramic tile floor in bath, large garage, 1.6 acres. All this located very near Lake Margrethe, trails, on a county maintained paved road. "Pride in Ownership" \$82,000 MLS# 9-3438



AFFORDABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME IN THE CITY. Perfect starter home or rental property with 1 car garage and vinyl siding. \$39,500 MLS# 9-3829

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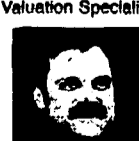
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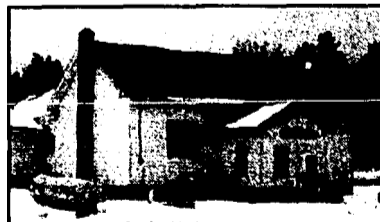
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4410 RIVERVIEW ROAD. Close access to Manistee River. Snow roof with addition 12 inches insulation, insulated skirting. 1984 Fairmont 14x70. All new floor coverings. Adjoins Pere Marquette State Forest. 30x30 concrete garage slab & private drive. Ideal four seasons getaway! \$35,500 CH-1097



THE PERFECT RENTAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. This three unit triplex is located on the main branch of the famous AuSable River, in the heart of Grayling. Conveniently centered near schools, shopping and medical facilities. It has the ideal location. The three units are approximately equal in size, 580 square feet. Each has one bedroom, a spacious bathroom, a dining room, kitchen combination and a large living room. \$118,000 CS-1082



EASY CONVERSION TO WEEKEND GETAWAY/CLUB! Endless potential as a weekend retreat or conversion to a large family home. 1,800 sq. ft. of which 24x40 is open span meeting room. 960 sq. ft. basement and a 12x16 storage building. Occupancy to be after April 1, 2000. \$61,900 CH-1107



BEAUTIFUL NEW MODERN HOME IN THE CITY! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1120 sq. ft., cedar cathedral ceilings in living room, dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has oak cabinets, island bar and sink. Oak floors throughout, oak trim and solid oak doors, custom fitted venetian blinds, paved drive and walkways. Front door has side light window, slate at entry doors, pretreated wood porches and cement decks. Maintenance free vinyl siding and large carefree insulated windows. Many more features. \$125,000 CS-963



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2.5 ACRES FRONTING MAY LAKE. Private lakefront setting. 2.5 acres of natural landscaping, lawn, gardens, fieldstone retaining walls. 1716 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, skylights, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. 24x40 heated and insulated garage. Master bedroom suite, fireplace with glass doors. Irrigation pump for lawn and gardens. 8x16 storage building, dog kennel. Excellent fishing lake for bluegills and perch. \$125,000 CH-1066



A GREAT CENTRAL CITY LOCATION AND JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE AU-SABLE RIVER! This 3 bedroom ranch offers convenience and comfort in one. With 1,008 total square feet your family needs are met. Offers 2 solar panels for efficiency heat. Appliances include stove and refrigerator. Cable TV, city water & city sewer. Conveniently located to parks, shopping, schools and hospital, this home may be perfect for you! \$48,000 CS-1081



GROCERY BUSINESS WITHIN REACH! With a new heating and cooling unit, a blacktop parking lot, a 14x40 walk-in cooler and located in the heart of year-round recreation, this party store/grocery store is an excellent business venture. The building is adjacent to a groomed snowmobile trail and has its license for beer, wine, lottery sales and food stamps. Land contract terms \$275,000 CH-1108



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ROOMS FOR RENT Why rent a room in someone's house? Get a cabin of your own. See ad "Cory Cabins" then call Leo at 877-227-6976. (-24-2/2)

1. Real Estate



Connie Winans
Very clean 2 bed-room home has new carpet & plenty of extra like built over snow roof, extra insulation, replaced vinyl thermo windows, large covered deck, a screen house to enjoy the summer without bugs and a garage storage building. Situated on a 4+ acres parcel close to snowmobile trails and state land is across the road! #4552 \$60,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



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2. For Rent

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment, second story, city limits, single, non-smoking, employed adult only, no pets. 517-348-6071 (1/6/00)(1/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT. 6274 Old Lake Rd. One bedroom, stove and refrigerator all new remodeled. \$325 month plus \$325 security. No pets, utilities not included. 517-348-4716 (3/2/00)(1/2)

3. Employment

SENIOR CITIZEN would you like to supplement your income? Albie's is now hiring part-time help. Please apply after 11 a.m. at Albie's. 5604 W. M-72, Grayling. (-24-2/3)

Assisted Living

We are accepting applications for residents in our Assisted Living home located in the Roscommon/Grayling area, available March 2000. Private bedroom, shared bathroom and living area, home-cooked meals, house-keeping and laundry. Assisted living offers independence for those who no longer want to live alone and need limited assistance. For more information, call 517-275-4126. -24-2-9-16/2

3. Employment

REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE in Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties for motivated individuals seeking full-time, part-time, or substitute positions, working with people who are developmentally disabled in our community, residential and supported employment settings. Individuals who are flexible and have a desire to improve the quality of life for individuals in our community will find these positions stimulating and exciting. Opportunities for advancement available and paid training is provided. Benefit package included with positions of 30 hours or more. Previous experience in human services helpful and a high school diploma or GED is desirable. Starting salary \$7.20 to \$7.59 per hour. D.O.E. Apply in person or send resume to AuSable Valley C.M.H., ATTN: Deputy Director, 511 Griffin St., West Branch, MI 48661. E.O.E. (-2-9/3)

FORTUNE 500 FINANCIAL/Insurance Company seeks a management caliber individual to service and expand an existing client base (the largest in Northern Michigan) from our regional sales office in Grayling. Experience in sales, insurance, or investment is a benefit but not a requirement. All training, support staff and leads are provided. Above average earning potential. Please send resume to CD, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 by March 4. (-2/3)

3. Employment

BOOKKEEPING POSITION full-time with benefits. Must have bookkeeping and computer experience good customer relation skills. Send resume to SG, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-17-24-2/3)

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ARE YOU CONNECTED? Internet Users Wanted! \$350 - \$800 week. 1-888-524-7318 www.pccash.net (-17-24-2-9/3)

WANTED Experienced Carpenters full-time. Minimum five years experience required. Benefit package including health and dental. Paid vacation and holidays and retirement plan. Apply in person at Kowatch Builders. 3687 Old 27 S., Gaylord, MI 49735 (-24-2/3)

CARE TAKER FOR PRIVATE Association on Higgins Lake. Full-time live on premises. Duties include cottage security/building and ground maintenance. Light building, plumbing and electrical skills desired. Benefits include salary, house plus utilities and use of association truck. Send resume to Lakeside Camp Association, P.O. Box 644, Roscommon, MI 48653 (-2-9/3)

3. Employment

OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN Mercy Hospital in Grayling is seeking a person to assume duties as a F-T OR Tech. Qualified candidate must have graduated from a qualified school or OR Tech or have the equivalent on-the-job training. Three-five years experience as an OR Tech is preferred. We offer competitive wages and fringe benefit package Wage Range is \$10.28-\$14.50. Interested persons please apply to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528, Fax 517-348-0485. (-2/3)

MEDICAL ASSISTANT needed for physicians office to assist in office treatment of patients, cast application and removal, suture removal, patient education, taking histories and charting. Generally helping physicians in all aspects of patient care. Additionally, this position would include clerical duties such as appointment scheduling, preparing charts, computer entry of patient information, filing and telephone work. This is a full-time position with a full benefit package. Medical background and training a must! Send resume to: N'Orthopedics P.C., ATTN: Gloria, P.O. Box 509, Grayling, MI 49738 (-24-2/3)

THE FRIENDLIEST TAVERN in town is looking for team players. Full and part-time positions available with benefits. Apply in person at Spike's Keg O'Nails. (-24-2/3)

3. Employment

REGISTERED NURSES Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered Nurses for full-time positions in the following areas: Medical Surgical, Critical Care Units, Operating Room. We offer competitive wages and fringe benefit programs. We are part of both a community and a regional health care system in partnership with Munson Health Care. We utilize flexible staffing, including 12-hour shifts. Wage Range is \$15.22-\$21.45 as well as a \$2 Shift Differential for nights. Please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528, Fax 517-348-0485. E-Mail feldmaa@mercyhealth.com (-2/3)

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SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM Coordinator/Counselor needed at River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services for a full-time position. Coordinates the Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program. Performs a variety of duties to treat the emotional, psychological, and physical needs of sexual assault victims, including legal advocacy, crisis counseling, and support group facilitation. Requires an MSW, or MA in counseling or human services with experience in the area of sexual abuse; organizational skills; ability to work well with other staff and the public. Salary, \$25,000 - \$29,000 annually, depending on skills and experience, plus benefits. Qualified candidates may apply to Mercy Hospital Human Resources, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. 517-348-0528 (-2/3)

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Equal Opportunity Employer

INSTRUCTOR, CHEMISTRY: Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking a full-time chemistry instructor beginning August 14, 2000 pending approval of funding by the Kirtland Community College board of trustees. This is a 34 week position requiring an individual who can effectively teach college level courses such as physical science, chemical science and general chemistry I and II, can communicate effectively with students and college personnel and is current in the use of technology including the use of computer skills applied to classroom instruction and in the preparation of course materials. Minimum qualifications include a Master's degree in chemistry or education with a major in chemistry; a minimum of two years successful teaching experience (graduate assistant experience will be considered); documented experience in the use of technology related to computers and the implementation of current teaching techniques; curriculum development experience; and the ability to work with adults in an educational setting. Salary will be paid at the appropriate rate as determined by the 1999-2003 master agreement; excellent fringe benefit package. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2000. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653. Kirtland's web site can be found at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us> Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. -2/3

Contractual Counselor Needed

Contractual Counselor/Group Facilitator for Batterers Treatment Program needed at River House Shelter. Master's level counseling experience preferred, bachelor's degree required. Requires between 6 and 10 hours per week. Please call River House (517) 348-3169. -2-9-16/3

INSTRUCTOR, BIOLOGY: Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking a full-time biology instructor beginning August 14, 2000 pending approval of funding by the Kirtland Community College board of trustees. This is a 34 week position requiring an individual who can effectively teach college level courses including general biology, anatomy & physiology, zoology and nature study, can communicate effectively with students and college personnel and is current in the use of technology including the use of computer skills applied to classroom instruction and in the preparation of course materials. Minimum qualifications include a Master's degree in biology; or education with a major in biology; a minimum of two years successful teaching experience (graduate assistant experience will be considered); documented experience in the use of technology related to computers and the implementation of current teaching techniques; curriculum development experience; and the ability to work with adults in an educational setting. Salary will be paid at the appropriate rate as determined by the 1999-2003 master agreement; excellent fringe benefit package. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2000. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653. Kirtland's web site can be found at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us> Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. -2/3

CONTINGENT POSITION MSW, CSW Medical Social Worker

Earn extra income, consider working for Hospice of Michigan. Hospice of Michigan Northern Region is seeking a medical social worker for the main office in Gaylord on an as needed basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone looking into a very flexible work schedule or who would just like to earn extra income while keeping their current position. Hospice of Michigan offers a competitive wage and has available a retirement plan for contingent employees. Applicant must be an MSW, CSW with hospice or home care experience preferred. Candidate must have graduated from an accredited college of social work. Hospice of Michigan offers a competitive wage and a retirement plan for contingent employees. Hospice of Michigan is the leader in care for patients living with a terminal illness. We offer a flexible environment with a family focus. We guarantee this will be the best place you have ever worked.

Full-Time RN
Hospice of Michigan Northern Region has an opening for a full-time RN at the main office in Gaylord. The position requires you have at least 2 years Home Health or Hospice experience and that you love to be part of a successful, compassionate team. Hospice of Michigan offers a competitive wage and excellent benefit package including health, dental, optical, retirement plan and many other benefits. This posting is for 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F with on-call approximately once a week. Hospice of Michigan is the leader in care for patients living with a terminal illness. We offer a flexible environment with a family focus. We guarantee this will be the best place you have ever worked.

Positions are also available for Contingent & On-call RN's & HHA's
This is a great opportunity to supplement your income. Work on-call 5 p.m.-8 a.m. days that are convenient for you. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone looking into a very flexible work schedule or who would just like to earn extra income while keeping their current position. Hospice of Michigan offers a competitive wage and has available a retirement plan for contingent employees. Beeper time & visit rate apply.

If you are interested in any of these positions, call for an application or submit a resume to.



**Hospice of Michigan
Northeast Region**
Attn: Clinical Coordinator
Cindy Debinak, RN
810 S. Otsego • Suite 111
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 732-2151
Fax: (517) 731-2897

Century 21 River Country Real Estate

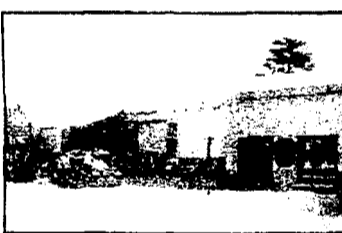
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www.century21grayling.com



Very attractive home located in Manistee River Woods adjoins a private park. The subdivision also has a private park on the Manistee River just a few minutes walk away. Home features insulated interior walls, 2x6 construction & much more. For private showings by appointment. (Listing agent must be present at all showings.) #4489 \$96,000 Ask for Bob Pollack!



This is a nice three bedroom home with two baths and a full basement. Features a stone fireplace, enclosed porch and a large garage. #4506 \$79,900 Ask for Scott Hanson!



Spacious living & kitchen area, plus large family room which could be converted to third bedroom. Home offers a lot of storage area. Insulated & heated attached garage. Close to all amenities and conveniences to town. #4548 \$65,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



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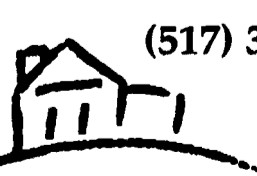
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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

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Restaurant has positions available for morning servers. Only team players need apply. Must be able to work occasional night shifts and weekends. Employee meals, benefits, etc. Please apply in person for any of the positions offered at the following address:

Holiday Inn

2650 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738

4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

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8. Announcements**ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO HOLD 25TH ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

St. Francis' Episcopal Church, located on M-72 West in Grayling will be sponsoring its 25th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A free-will donation is requested and 10% of all proceeds will be given to outreach.

The menu features blueberry and plain pancakes (all you can eat), smoked sausage, applesauce, corn pancakes and potato pancakes with sour cream.

Tickets will be available at the door.

5. For Sale

1995 36' TRAVEL TRAILER with expando. like new. 14 x 70 trailer. good condition. 517-348-5275 (-2-9-16-23-30/5)

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WOMEN'S XC SKI BOOTS Salomon, size 40. Good condition. \$40 Call 517-348-2751 (1/27/00tf/5)

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ROLL-TOP OAK DESK Full size 48", like new, no damage. Must sell, moving. \$395 517-348-7720 (-2/5)

FOR SALE Arctic Cat 1997 ZR 440 with cover, always garaged, 2,600 miles. \$3,800 517-348-5571 days, 517-348-8713 evenings. (1/13/00tf/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED Used treadmill. Collapsible for under bed storage. Call 517-348-9246 evenings. (-2-9/6)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT MONDAY NIGHT Special. BBQ Ribs 1/2 Slab \$6.95, Full Slab \$10.95. 517-275-5445 (3/2/00tf/6)

8. Announcements**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$745,000 are available. Of this amount, \$326,200 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$419,300 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Monday, April 3, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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8. Announcements

CRAFT SHOW, BAKE SALE sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary at the Grayling Post (back door) on Saturday April 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 517-348-1369 or 517-348-7277 (LR4/6/00/8)

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

Happy 1st Birthday
March 5th
Audrey West



Love - Mom & Dad
Jordan & Jeffery

Happy 40th Birthday
Tina Hartig!



9. Personals

HAPPY 92ND BIRTHDAY. March 9. Frances Olsen, 8592 Roswell Rd., Apt. 159, Atlanta, GA 30350. From your friends in Grayling. (-2/9)

March 3rd Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Helen Miles from all your friends at
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9. Personals

Happy 30th
Nikky Annis
March 7th

10. Garage Sales

4TH ANNUAL INDOOR Yard Sale! Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kids clothes and toys. Books, furniture. Lots of household items. At Timber Rapids Adventure Golf, next to Ole Dam Rd. Party Store. (-2/10)

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11. Automotive

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1997 Chevy Camaro - Auto., air, tilt, cruise, power windows/doors, cassette, keyless entry, very clean & only 24,000 miles & factory warranty. Stock #113913 **Was \$15,988 Now \$15,688**
1997 Saturn SC2 Coupe - Sharp little red 2 door with air, auto., CD player, cruise and much more! Nice! Stock #209024 **Was \$13,288 Now \$12,888**
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TRUCKS & VANS

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1998 Ford Windstar - Nice shape, full equipment. Less than half the price of a new one. Stock #17118-1 **Was \$13,988 Now \$13,288**
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1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab - 2 wheel drive, 350 V-8, air, automatic, trailering, long box. Stock #4245 **Was \$16,988 Now \$16,488**
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1997 Dodge Ram 2500 - Cummins Turbo Diesel Club Cab, 2 wheel drive, SLT, longbox, trailer puller. Stock #4253 **Was \$20,988 Now \$19,988**

BUDGET CARS AND TRUCKS

Stock #		
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